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"My Government will work hard to improve the quality of governance, at all levels, and remove barriers to growth and competition."

**Selvi J Jayalalithaa**
- Hon'ble Chief Minister

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# 'The Police Deserve a Peaceful Retired Life with House of their own'

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Selvi J Jayalalithaa's** speech after laying the foundation stone for the houses under the "Own Your House" scheme for Uniform personnel at Melakottaiyur, Kancheepuram District on 26.10.2012 *(English Translation)*

**I**n establishing peace in society and in removing the distress of the people, personnel in uniform, the Police, the Fire and Rescue Services department, officials of the prison department and others are working with a sense of dedication. As part of the goal to provide each of these personnel a house of their own, I have great pleasure, in laying the foundation and inaugurating the works for the construction of 2,673 apartments in multi-storeyed buildings in Melakottaiyur, and in talking to you.

The Police work is an arduous task. Maintaining law and order in an effective way, preventing crime, investigating and arresting the culprits when crimes take place, arraigning them before law and getting them punishment are some of the difficult tasks, the Police Department is to shoulder.

The Police Department's work is an essential ingredient in establishing the rule of law in a country. It is the police which uphold the laws that are framed to discipline the society.

Peace should prevail if a country is to achieve economic growth and social upliftment. A healthy environment should develop. The Police Department is executing this extraordinary task.

The great responsibility of guaranteeing the people of their lives and possessions and providing relief and a sense of satisfaction to the affected, is devolved on the police.

Likewise, it is the fire and rescue services personnel who provide solace when people are hit by natural calamities like cyclone, rains, floods, earthquake and fire accidents.

Personnel of the Prison Department, which is a limb of the criminal jurisprudence, are working with the ideal of reforming the prisoners, rehabilitating them and disciplining them from committing crimes again.

Realising the essentiality of the personnel in uniform, Puratchi Thalaivar MGR established in 1981 the Tamil Nadu Police Housing Corporation with a view to provide housing facilities to the personnel of the Police Department. This corporation constructed many houses for the employees of the Police department. Following the change of regime in the state after the demise of Puratchi Thalaivar MGR the Corporation was wound up. After I assumed office in 1991, I revived the Corporation. Thereafter, housing works for the personnel of Police department picked up in right earnest.

By way of protecting the interests of the personnel in uniforms who are discharging such an important work, I have not only opened canteens for them to get foods at subsidised rates, but also have increased the risk and food allowances for them and disbursed them. To encourage the wards of the Police personnel, I have increased the educational assistance to them for their higher education and disbursed them. The insurance for the Police personnel in the event of death has also been increased and the higher amount has been disbursed.

Moreover, higher allotments are being made for modernising and strengthening the Police department, for procuring ultra-modern weapons, for renovation of Police Stations, acquiring new vehicles, commissioning new Police Stations and the like. Of the 1,12,363 police personnel, housing facilities have been provided to 50,424 employees and dwelling units are being constructed for 7,526 more. I am happy to inform that a policy decision has been taken by my Government to provide housing facility to all Police personnel.

The exploding population, the concomitant difficulties, economic disparity and modern technology are all creating severe problems to the personnel in uniform. Now, their work has become complicated and difficult.

Still, they work with the sole aim that Tamil Nadu should continue to be a haven of peace. Purposefulness is essential to achieve goals.

“If a purposeful person commits thousand mistakes, in life, one without a purpose does 50,000 mistakes”, says Swami Vivekananda.

There was an Ashram in a town. It was surrounded by a maze of plants, creepers and mango trees. Beyond the Ashram, there was a school.

Everyday, children used to go to school crossing the Ashram. An elderly person was watching the children going to school and returning home.

The elderly person was puzzled!

The students never looked at the mango trees when they went to school in the morning. They were all disciplined.

However, in the evening it was not so. They would be totally different persons. Each would pick up a stone, aim at the mango fruits and collect the fruits when they fell. There was total revelry.

The elderly person pondered. Why should these students, who went to school in a disciplined way in the morning, indulge in mischief in the evening?

He called a student one day, and asked, "Why do the students throw stones and indulge in mischief in the evening while you observe discipline when you were going to school in the morning".

The boy replied: " We have to be punctual in going to school in the morning. We have to study the lessons. We have to answer the questions put by teachers. Or else we will be scolded and punished. It is not so in the evening. We can go home whenever we like. That is why, we indulge in pranks".

After hearing this, the elderly person realised a fact. These students have a goal while they are passing through this way in the morning. So they don't indulge in any pranks. But they don't have any such goal while returning in the evening. That is why they are indulging in mischieves.

Like the student going to school in the morning with a goal, our Police department is functioning round the clock with the sole aim of maintaining peace in the State. For the Police department of a State to function effectively with high ideals, the leadership quality of the Head of that State matters. Hence the Tamil Nadu Police is now working with high ideals.

Though a 24 hour work regimen is applicable to all government employees, usually they can complete their work during the office hours itself. If they perform some development, relief works, the Government Employees get the appreciation for them. For example, if a government employee gets the family pension to a poor old man, he is appreciated for that. He is thanked by the beneficiary. This gives a job satisfaction to the government employees. The beneficiary is happy. The benefactor is also happy.

But the condition of the Police personnel is entirely different. As for the Police department, fixed hours of work is an Utopian dream. In maintaining law and order and in hot pursuit of

criminals, Police personnel have to leave their families on many days and go to other places on duty. On some occasions, they encounter a situation where they cannot even think of their families. If a beneficiary applauds the Police department, the one who is affected by that action abuses the Police. For instance, in a land grab case, the genuine owner of the land appreciates the Police when his land is retrieved and given to him but the one who had grabbed the land, accuses the Police of foisting a false case against him. In short, the Police work has become a thankless job.

The Police, who, often work away from their families and getting abused even for just action taken as per law and who discharge their duties with an ideal, round the clock and without rest, deserve a peaceful life in a tranquil environment after retirement. On this basis alone, I made an announcement that houses would be constructed under the ‘Own your House’ Scheme. As per that announcement and by way of inaugurating the scheme, I will be laying the foundation for 2,673 houses and distribute house allotment orders to 36 personnel in uniform in this dais itself. The allotment orders for others would be distributed during the course of this day.

The task of constructing a house is not an easy one. This is succinctly put in the adage: “Try to perform a marriage; Try to construct a house!”

An elderly person was constructing a house with the determination that he should own a house.

“Is the construction work progressing well”, asked a farmer approaching the elderly person.

“Somewhat; but it is very difficult” said the elderly person.

“That’s it; you are constructing your own house”, said the farmer.

“By raising loan I am constructing (the house); first I borrowed to purchase the land; I raised some more money and laid the foundation. Borrowing more money I raised the wall to hip level. Later, I borrowed a little bit. Now, it has come to neck-level” the elderly person went on.

“How high it has come now” asked the farmer.

“Over the head”, the elderly person.

“House?”, - farmer

“No; the loan” said the elderly person.

By this action of my Government, the long standing dreamy ambition of the personnel in uniform is getting realised. The Tamil Nadu Police Housing Corporation is executing this scheme without any profit motive and at a low cost. By this, the situation of police personnel feeling “over the head – a house; not debt”, will come about.

This scheme will be implemented across the state and personnel in uniform will certainly be owning a house either during their service period itself or after retirement.

With these words I conclude, hailing ‘Anna Naamam Vazhga, Puratchi Thalaivar Naamam Vazhga”.

# Tamil Nadu Emerging as the destination of choice for Investment

**Speech delivered by Selvi J Jayalalithaa, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu during the MOU signing ceremony at ITC Grand Chola, Chennai on 5.11.2012**

Today marks a Red-Letter day in the annals of the industrialisation of Tamil Nadu. Never before has the State Government signed 12 Memorandums of Understanding on a single day. The Government is signing Memoranda of Understanding with four Fortune 500 companies, namely, Hyundai Motors, Nokia, Saint Gobain and Sanmina-SCI, apart from other majors, namely, M/s.Sundaram Clayton Ltd, M/s.Tube Investments of India, M/s.Harsha Group of Companies and M/s.Amway India Enterprises Private Ltd. The total investment envisaged in these 12 Memorandums of Understanding is 20,925 crore rupees, that will generate direct employment for 36,855 persons and indirect employment for about 1 lakh persons. On the 14th of May, 2012, my Government signed Memorandums of Understanding for five projects, namely, Daimler India Commercial Vehicles Private Limited, India Yamaha Motor Limited, Ashok Leyland-Nissan Motor Company Limited, Eicher Motors Limited and Phillips Carbon Black Limited, with a total investment of over 5,700 crore rupees with a direct employment potential for about 9,500 persons.

I wish to remind you all that in the post-liberalisation era, Tamil Nadu under my leadership was one of the earliest States to seize the initiative and announce its Industrial Policy 1992 which became the bedrock for the foundation of the growth of the Manufacturing Sector in the State. This Policy heralded a growth that facilitated the automobile industry revolution in Tamil Nadu attracting major companies like Ford and Hyundai. These major automobile projects triggered a radial effect attracting a large number of auto ancillary industries. Today, Chennai is

one of the global auto hubs, primarily due to the initiatives taken by my Government between 1991 and 1996. Unfortunately, this momentum was not sustained between 1996 and 2001, when a different Government was ruling the State.

Between 2001 and 2006, my Government took a number of initiatives to give an impetus to industrial development and to create an industry-friendly environment to enable the State to achieve the No.1 position in industrialization in India. My Government brought out a pragmatic and far sighted Industrial Policy in 2003 that had a number of avant-garde features. This policy paved the way for the Electronics revolution in Tamil Nadu, by attracting Nokia, Foxconn, Flextronics, etc. The Nokia project in Chennai has become the world's largest mobile handset manufacturing facility. Today, Chennai has become the leader in India in both automobiles and electronic hardware manufacturing. This success bears ample testimony to the efficacy of the Industrial Policies of 1992 and 2003, introduced by my Government under my leadership. Tamil Nadu's Industrial Policy, 2012 is to be released shortly.

During the period between 2001 and 2006, Tamil Nadu became the most favoured investment destination, as we had arduously built up the competitive strengths of the State. With a comfortable power situation and a vast talent pool coupled with prudent fiscal management, Tamil Nadu was the top-notch winner. According to the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE), during the period between September 2001 up to March 2004, Tamil Nadu remained the "numero uno" State, in attracting investments in the Manufacturing Sector.

In a survey titled "Asian Region of the Future – 2005/06" conducted by the FDI magazine, from the renowned Financial Times group, Tamil Nadu was declared as the winner State. Tamil Nadu had edged out the other States and Provinces in other Asian countries to claim the title, a superbly significant achievement.

When my Government assumed office for the 3rd time, in May 2011, we confronted a dismal fiscal position compounded by chronic power shortage, a characteristic legacy I inherit, from the predecessor Government, every time I form the Government. These challenges had eroded our competitiveness making many investors shy away from Tamil Nadu. I have promised to launch a reinvigorated struggle to alleviate poverty by promoting gainful employment opportunities through rapid industrialization. I have set for ourselves the task of regaining our numero uno position.

The world saw an environment of anxiety and a situation of alternating between Investor optimism and pessimism. Though we are largely away from that situation, we are still not confident of the dynamics. There has been a deterioration in the macro economic picture.

I am happy to say that today, Tamil Nadu has been able to reverse its downward spiral by regaining investors' confidence. It is encouraging to note that investors are displaying their growing faith in the immediate and medium term prospects of Tamil Nadu not to mention the robust outlook for the long term. It will be the endeavour of the State Government to sustain and stabilize this environment of optimism.

I belong to the category that refuses to get excited over growth projections. I need to see tangible results. In March 2012, I had launched the Tamil Nadu Vision 2023 wherein I had unveiled my dream to make Tamil Nadu India's most prosperous and progressive State

with no poverty, and where its people enjoy all the basic services of a modern society and live in harmonious engagement with the environment, and with the rest of the world.

In our ‘Tamil Nadu Vision 2023’, I have set an ambitious growth target for the Tamil Nadu Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) to grow at 11% or more per annum – about 20% more than the expected growth rate of India’s GDP over the same period. Given the expected increase in population of 15% over the next 11 years, the increase in per capita income would amount to 6 times over this period. Tamil Nadu is set to increase its per capita income at current prices by 6 times from 73,278 rupees i.e., 1,628 US dollars in 2010-2011, to 4,50,000 rupees i.e. 10,000 US dollars in 2023, in line with the per capita income of Upper Middle Income countries. The Tamil Nadu Vision 2023 places substantial emphasis on inclusive growth by channelling considerable resources to the lowest income groups and ensuring that Tamil Nadu becomes poverty free. One must bear in mind that these

growth targets have been set notwithstanding the current global recessionary trends.

The Vision 2023 envisages a growth strategy encompassing 10 strategic initiatives.

Attracting investment is dependent on providing the right environment to run a business efficiently. While availability of the necessary infrastructure such as power, water, connectivity, port facilities, etc. are the key drivers that attract investments, administrative and procedural issues which result from regulatory and institutional arrangements also play an important role in attracting investments.

The achievement of our Vision 2023 is predicated on devising appropriate strategies to implement various projects and programmes. The Tamil Nadu Vision 2023 has set stretch targets to be achieved, in terms of economic and human development indicators. The Vision envisages infrastructure building to be the tool for delivering growth opportunities. The quantum of investments is of a magnitude not attempted until now by Tamil Nadu, and requires a multi pronged strategy encompassing identification of projects, modes of investment, and the necessary institutional and regulatory structure, etc.

Today, the recessionary trends are resurfacing and threatening to dampen and inhibit global economic prospects.

In June 2012, the reputed global financial services firm “Nomura”, has sharply lowered India’s growth forecast for this fiscal to 5.8%, way below the Government’s projection, saying the country’s monetary and fiscal policies are at loggerheads.

Notwithstanding negative forecasts, Tamil Nadu is targeting 11% growth for our State economy and 14% in the Manufacturing Sector. Conventional wisdom will say that given the current global recessionary trends,

these targets are very ambitious. Little minds are tamed and subdued by misfortune, but great minds rise above them. There are three kinds of people in the world, the wills, the won'ts and the can'ts. The first, the wills, accomplish everything; the second, the won'ts oppose everything; and the third, the can'ts fail in everything. I have always believed in not treading the trodden path but instead in blazing a trail where there is none. The only obstacle in the way of our realization of tomorrow, will be our doubts of today. I believe in moving forward with strong faith and conviction.

Success is underlined by responsibility. Success on any major scale requires that one should accept responsibility. In the final analysis, the one quality that all successful people have, is the ability to take on responsibility. I have vowed to take up the responsibility, of making a perceptible improvement in the life of the common people.

Our Tamil Nadu Vision 2023, warrants provision of world class infrastructure. The total investment needed to enable universal access to infrastructure services over the 11 year period is estimated at 15 lakh crore rupees. I am aware that the State Government alone cannot meet the resource requirements. The major part of the financing for infrastructure has to be obtained from non-governmental sources. Investments in the pipeline in Tamil Nadu stand at 9,25,285 crore rupees in September 2012, as against 7,50,579 crore rupees at the end of March 2011. This implies that Tamil Nadu has attracted an incremental investment of 1,74,706 crore rupees during the last 18 months. If we go by past trends, this marks a quantum jump in investment flows into Tamil Nadu. This includes a substantial amount of investments in Infrastructure projects such as power generation & distribution, road improvement, water supply augmentation, port development, health care, education, etc. All these will substantially improve the quality and reliability of our infrastructure and strengthen our competitive advantages in attracting investments into the Manufacturing Sector.

According to the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India publication

titled SIA Statistics published in June 2012, Tamil Nadu has attracted 4,01,537 crore rupees of investments in the Manufacturing Sector as against 3,33,010 crore rupees at the end of April 2011. The Incremental investment attracted by Tamil Nadu in the 14 months period from May 2011 to June 2012 is 68,527 crore rupees.

This is testimony to the fact that the investment environment in Tamil Nadu is very conducive to growth and expansion. Once again,Tamil Nadu is emerging as the destination of choice for making investments.

While attracting Investments, particularly FDI, my Government firmly believes in being very responsive to its implications. FDI is often a double-edged sword, and the Government needs to handle it, dexterously. FDI in some fields is purely based on private rationality with the underlying principle “Private gain at social loss”. The recent decision of the Government of India to open up our retail business to FDI is one such example, fraught with the danger of destroying our small business ventures that provide jobs to millions of our people. My Government has already opposed this and declared that we will not permit such FDI in retail in Tamil Nadu.

My Government is currently set to introduce new policy reforms that include a New Industrial Policy, Automobile and Auto Parts Policy, Aerospace Industry Policy, Biotechnology Policy and much more. The Tamil Nadu Solar Energy Policy 2012 promoting solar and wind power projects has been unveiled on the 20th of October, 2012. All these policies have a number of innovative features that will make Tamil Nadu a leader in these areas. For instance, in the Automobile and Auto Parts Policy to be shortly released, I have set a goal to make Chennai, the World’s largest auto hub.

My Government is committed to catapulting Tamil Nadu onto a higher growth orbit and developing the State to be on par with some of the middle-income countries like Malaysia, Thailand and South Korea. My Government is confident of attracting over 1 lakh crore rupees of new investments, in the Manufacturing Sector, surpassing all records and achievements made so far. I am confident of making Tamil Nadu the “numero uno” in all spheres of development.

Tamil Nadu is a land of abundant opportunity that places a premium on enterprise and creativity. My Government is committed to creating a hospitable and conducive climate for investment and enterprise. My Government will work hard to improve the quality of governance, at all levels, and remove barriers to growth and competition. I invite you to make use of the investment and business opportunities that Tamil Nadu now offers. I invite you to be active partners of a new vibrant Tamil Nadu and walk with us in finding new pathways of development and progress.

I take great pleasure in inviting Hyundai Motors India Limited, Indo Rama Group of Companies, ADD Industrial Park (TN) Limited, BGR Energy Group Companies, Harsha Group of Companies, Saint Gobain Glass India Limited, Danfoss Industries Private Limited, Nokia India Private Limited, Sanmina-SCI India Private Limited, Tube Investments of India, Amway India Enterprises Private Limited, and TVS Group of Companies to this momentous and iconic Memoranda of Understanding Signing Ceremony. I wish all our partners phenomenal success in these ventures.

Thank you.

# POWER SHORTAGE TO BE ELIMINATED BY 2013

Speech of the Hon'ble Chief Minister
**Selvi J Jayalalithaa**
on Power Situation in Tamil Nadu
on 26.10.2012 (English Translation)

Dear people of Tamil Nadu,

You all know fully well that I have been working meticulously to improve the economy of Tamil Nadu and to fulfil your basic needs with the feeling 'I am for you; not only that, – I am (what I am) because of you'. One of your basic needs is electricity. Like the air we breathe the need for electricity has also become essential.

I know well that you all suffer because you are not able to get uninterrupted supply of electricity which is so important. This is regrettable. At the outset, I would like to state that neither my Government nor I am responsible for this State of affairs. I would like to share some facts about the reasons that have caused the present power shortage and the steps I have been taking to remove the shortage.

During my previous regimes – that is from 1991 to 1996 and from 2001 to 2006, power was distributed uninterruptedly to all without any scope for any mention of power shortage whatsoever.

When I demitted office in 2006, Tamil Nadu was a power surplus State. Not only that; the surplus power was sold to other states and additional income accrued to Tamil Nadu.

Though Tamil Nadu was a power surplus state till we remained in office in 2006, I had prepared, with a long range outlook and taking into account the future needs, several mega schemes to generate electricity and also undertook preparatory actions on them. The general election intervened; there was a regime change.

If only the minority DMK Government that came to power in 2006, had continued the work on the new power generation schemes we had started, at the same pace, many new power stations would have

commenced power generation between 2006-2011. The needed power would have been available for the State. But the previous minority DMK Government failed to do this.

That is, the previous minority DMK Government was deliberately complacent by not continuing the works at the same pace, on the new power projects, started by us. This is Thiru. Karunanidhi's first betrayal of the people of Tamil Nadu.

When I demitted office in 2006, the state's installed capacity of power was 10,100 MW. In my first regime viz., 1991-1996, a total of 1,302 MW was added to the installed capacity. During my second regime, (between 2001-2006) 2,518 MW was added to the installed capacity. However, during the previous minority DMK Government (2006-2011) regime, a mere 206 MW alone was added to the installed capacity. Knowing full well that power needs will increase in future and that it will take 3 to 4 years for a mega power plant to become operational, the previous DMK government had added just 206 MW without taking any steps to start new power projects. At the same time, the power needs of Tamil Nadu increased automatically and the total demand at present is 12,000 MW. As there was no proper maintenance, the power stations developed repairs and power generation diminished due to administrative inefficiency. The power shortage rose to the level of 4,000 MW totally.

To make up this shortage, new power generation schemes should have been implemented expeditiously. That was not done. Also, agreements should have been entered into with other states for purchase of electricity on a long term basis. If that had been done, the price of the purchased power would have been less. The needed power would have become available to the state even now. But the previous DMK Government did not purchase power on long term basis. Electric power was purchased at a higher price on a short term basis. That is, Tamil Nadu's power generation was deliberately reduced with the selfish motive to purchase power at a higher rate. This is Thiru. Karunanidhi's second betrayal. On account of this, the entire Tamil Nadu plunged into darkness.

At this time in 2011, the general election to the Legislative Assembly took place. You voted us to power. With your support, the AIADMK government under my leadership again assumed office.

When we took over the reins of administration, the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board was in an abyss. The previous minority DMK Government had caused an unprecedented loss Rs. 40,375 crore to the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board and inflicted a heavy debt burden on it. On account of this, the Reserve Bank of India had directed the banks not to lend funds to the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board.

In this sordid situation, I became the Chief Minister. After assuming office as Chief Minister, I have been making Herculean efforts to rectify the power shortage in the State, by liberally sanctioning funds to the Electricity Board despite the difficult economic conditions and straightening up the conditions in the Board.

Many people advise that if power generation is low in Tamil Nadu, electric power can be purchased from other states and the shortage made good. I would like to enlighten you on this.

After I assumed office, I came to know of the low generation of electricity in the state and took steps to purchase power from other states and make good the shortage. In the first phase, an agreement was entered into on behalf of the Electricity Board for purchase of 500 MW of power from Gujarat. Still, due to corridor congestion, the purchased power could not be transmitted to Tamil Nadu. That is the present position. If there is rice shortage, rice bags can be transported to Tamil Nadu through trains. If there is drinking water shortage, tanker lorries can be pressed into service and water distributed to particular areas. They can also be stored as per the requirements. But to bring electricity to Tamil Nadu, transmission corridors are necessary. As the transmission corridor facility is not to the required level, only 235 MW of power could be brought to Tamil Nadu even though we have entered into an agreement for purchase of 500 MW of power from Gujarat. You should all understand this correctly. The responsibility to provide this transmission corridor is with the Centre. While, the Central Government provided large transmission corridors to northern states, it has neglected the southern states, especially Tamil Nadu, by not providing such transmission corridors. After Independence, several persons from Tamil Nadu had been in the Central Ministry. For the last 16 years, barring one year, the DMK has been part of the Central Government continuously for 15 years. Persons belonging to DMK have been Central Ministers continuously. They still continue. What have they done for Tamil Nadu? Cannot the DMK and Congressmen who have been Central Ministers all these years get the transmission corridor beneficial to southern states, particularly to Tamil Nadu? Is there no provision to do it? Has there been no means for it? Had they applied their minds, it could have been done long ago. They don't have the mind. That is the truth.

After assuming office in May 2011, I appealed to the Prime Minister to provide 1,000 MW of power to Tamil Nadu for a year, pointing out the severe power shortage prevailing in the state. Repeatedly I have been urging the Prime Minister on this request. There was no response from the Centre. Did the DMK Ministers in the Congress led Central Government or Congress Central Ministers belonging to Tamil Nadu take any steps to get the power by supporting the State Government's request and taking up the matter with the Prime Minister? Did the DMK Central Ministers and the Congress Central Ministers belonging to Tamil Nadu who are enjoying power at the Centre atleast do this to the electorate of Tamil Nadu who voted for them. Should not they do it? But they have not done that!

Let us brush aside the Cauvery, Mullai Periyar, Kerosene shortage and other issues. The DMK and the Congress today wail that Tamil Nadu is plunged in darkness. But what have they done, particularly the DMK which has been weilding power at the centre for the last 15 years, to assist Tamil Nadu in

the sphere of electricity? They did nothing. People of Tamil Nadu should understand this. The DMK which has on its hands the Central Government power for so many years, could have done this long ago. But they did not show any interest in it. That is why this power shortage today. Who is responsible for this situation? The Congress led Central Government and the previous minority DMK government should assume the full responsibility for this.

The Central Government did not accede to our request for 1,000 MW of power. Some days back, I wrote a letter to the Prime Minister to allocate the 1,721 MW of power surrendered by the Delhi State. That also did not fetch any reply. Alright, let us get power from other states. With this view we entered into an agreement for purchase of 1,100 MW of power. But due to power corridor congestion, we could obtain power only to the level of 85 MW. Do you now understand who is responsible for the present situation?

Whatever be the difficulties, hurdles and ordeals and even if the Central Government is not co-operating in any way, I will continue to make intense efforts to protect you, - you, who have elected the All India Anna DMK again, placing faith in me - to fulfil your power needs and remove your difficulties.

At present, several new power projects are at various stages and levels of execution. The new power stations will start functioning one after another from the month of November. The severe power cut will be gradually rectified and there will be good progress by the end of November. I assure you that by the end of 2013, power shortage will be totally removed.

Though the Central Government deprives Tamil Nadu, I will pull the state out of the darkness with your help and with the grace of god. We will see a sparkling Tamil Nadu once again. Very shortly, the power needs of the people of Tamil Nadu will be fulfilled and Tamil Nadu will once again be a power surplus state.

I take leave of you hailing 'Anna Naamam Vaazhga; Puratchi Thalaivar MGR Naamam Vazhga! Thank you.

Vanakkam.

# STEPS TAKEN TO GET CAUVERY WATER AS PER TAMIL NADU'S ENTITLEMENTS

Hon'ble Chief Minister **Selvi J Jayalalithaa's** reply to a special call attention notice in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly on 2.11.2012 *(English Translation)*

Hon'ble Speaker Sir,

The Cauvery water issue is a life and death issue for Tamil Nadu. The 1892 and 1924 agreements very clearly point out Tamil Nadu's rights on the Cauvery waters.

Without honouring the conditions spelt out in the 1924 agreement, without Central Government sanction and without consulting the riparian States of Cauvery, the Karnataka Government unilaterally constructed reservoirs in the late 1960's and early 1970's. It is also expanding the ayacut areas every year.

Following this, the Tamil Nadu Government wrote a letter to the Centre in 1986 requesting the setting up of a tribunal under the Inter-State Water Disputes Act of 1956. The Central Government did not initiate any action on the letter. Purachi Thalaivar MGR was ruling the state at that time.

The Supreme Court directed the Centre in 1990 to appoint a tribunal on this sensitive issue on a petition filed by the Tamil Nadu Cauvery Irrigated Produce Farmers' Welfare Protection Committee.

Following the court's directive and by way of activating the letter sent by Tamil Nadu Government in 1986 during Puratchi Thalaivar MGR's regime, the Central Government set up a Tribunal in June 1990. The Tribunal gave an interim award on 25.6.1991. As per this order, Karnataka should release water from its reservoirs in such a way, as to ensure the receipt of 205 TMC ft water at Mettur reservoir, that it should not expand the ayacut beyond 11.20 lakh acres and that the release of water should be on monthly and weekly basis as mentioned in the interim order. The interim order will be in force till the final award is given.

Though the interim order is not favourable to Tamil Nadu, it accepted the award in the interests of the Cauvery Delta farmers immediately, for the promotion of good relations among States and in the hope that the final award will allot more water to Tamil Nadu. But the Karnataka

Government declared that the interim award would not bind it and promulgated an ordinance disrespecting the award. My Government filed a petition in the Supreme Court against the ordinance. The Supreme Court upheld the Interim award, struck down the ordinance and advised the Centre so, on 22.11.1991. Due to my Government's firmness, the Central Government Gazetted the interim award on 10.12.1991.

However, Karnataka has not released water as per the interim award even once. It has been releasing only the surplus water. Due to Karanataka Government's intransigence, Tamil Nadu, on several occasions had to strongly demand and get waters in the Cauvery for irrigation that were its due as per tradition and natural flows, to approach courts and get orders and to compel the Centre to grant us our rights for saving the crops, when the court orders were disregarded.

In this situation, the Cauvery Tribunal gave its final award on 5.2.2007 and recommended the setting up of a Cauvery River Authority and a Cauvery Water Regulatory Committee for facilitating the implementation of the final award.

After I assumed office as Chief Minister, I met the Hon'ble Prime Minister at Delhi on 14.6.2011 and demanded the Gazetting of the final award of the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal and the setting up of the Cauvery River Authority and the Cauvery Water Regulatory Committee for executing the award. Also through letters to the Hon'ble Prime Minister, I have stressed these points several times. When there was no hindrance for the publication of the final award in the Gazette, the Central Government took the stand that the publication was possible only after the appeals (against the final award) were disposed of by the court. In these circumstances, a petition was filed in the Supreme Court seeking a direction to the Centre to Gazette the final award and constitute the Cauvery River Authority and the Cauvery Water Regulatory Committe. Steps are also being taken to expedite the hearing of the appeal pending in the court. It is regrettable that the Centre has not taken any step to fill the vacant Chairman's post of the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal despite underscoring its importance several times.

Karnataka has been using the waters in the Krishnarajasagar, Kabini, Hemavathy and Herangi reservoirs for its summer irrigation. Taking into account that this action of Karnataka will deprive water for Kuruvai cultivation in Tamil Nadu, my Government filed an interim petition in the Supreme Court on 21.3.2012. The petition prays that the Karnataka Government should be prohibited from releasing water from these 4 reservoirs for its summer irrigation and

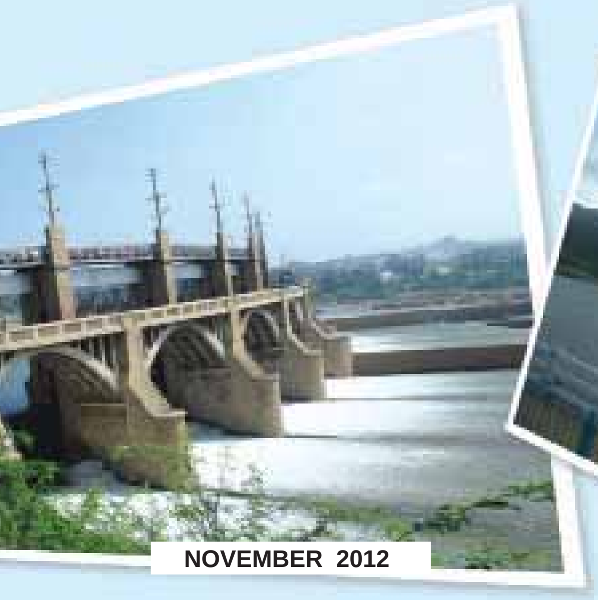
prohibit Karnataka from using more than 103.24 TMC ft of water from these 4 reservoirs as decreed in the final award of the Tribunal. Also, I requested the Prime Minister through a letter dated 18.5.2012 to immediately convene a meeting of the Cauvery River Water Commission, pointing out that Karnataka has been releasing water for its summer irrigation from 1.2.2012 and that it releases water to Tamil Nadu only when its reservoirs are about to surplus and this practice results in reduced flows into Mettur reservoir, affecting the Kuruvai cultivation. But the Prime Minister has not heeded to this request.

My Government filed an interim petition in the Supreme Court on 21.7.2012 praying for a direction to Karnataka Government to share the water with Tamil Nadu on a pro-rata basis and the convening of the Cauvery River Water Commission for giving approval to the distress formula, that was finalised by the Cauvery Monitoring Committee.

I again requested the Hon'ble Prime Minister by a letter of 23.8.2012 to advise Karnataka to release to Tamil Nadu its due share of water, pointing out the prevailing hardship in the State and to enable farmers, who have already lost the Kuruvai crop, to take up cultivation of one Samba crop atleast.

Following the firm action taken by my Government and the intervention of the Supreme Court, a meeting of the Cauvery River Water commission was held at New Delhi on 19.9.2012. The Supreme Court, by its order of 10.9.2012, directed Karnataka to release to Tamil Nadu 10,000 cusecs of water daily from 12.9.2012 to the day the Commission held its meeting.

At the Commission's meeting at New Delhi on 19.9.2012, I stressed that Karnataka should release 48 TMC ft of water calculated as per the distress formula, at the rate of 2 TMC ft of water per day for 24 days immediately and for a direction to Karnataka to continue to release water as per the Tribunal's interim award. Karnataka opposed. The Chairman of the Cauvery River Water Commission, the Hon'ble Prime Minister, directed Karnataka, to release to Tamil Nadu, in the absence of a consensus, 9,000 cusecs of water every day from 20.9.2012 to 15.10.2012 and that further release of water could be decided upon by the Cauvery Monitoring Committee in consultation with the States concerned



at its meeting convened on 15.10.2012. Karnataka rejected the proposal. Taking into account that the Hon'ble Prime Minister's decision is not favourable to Tamil Nadu and that Karnataka has refused to release even that meagre quantum of water proposed by the Hon'ble Prime Minister, I voiced my opposition and announced that Tamil Nadu had no option but to approach the Supreme Court once again.

Following this, a petition was filed in the Supreme Court on behalf of Tamil Nadu Government stressing that Karnataka should release to Tamil Nadu the deficit 48 TMC ft of water at the rate of 2 TMC ft per day for 24 days and also as per the interim award of the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal. The Supreme Court ordered on 28.9.2012 that Karnataka should implement the order passed by the Chairman of the Cauvery River Water Commission. As per this order, Karnataka started releasing water from 29.9.2012, but suddenly stopped it unilaterally on 8.10.2012. My Government filed a contempt petition in the Supreme Court on 10.10.2012 against Karnataka whose action injured the policy of federalism and constituted a direct contempt of the court.

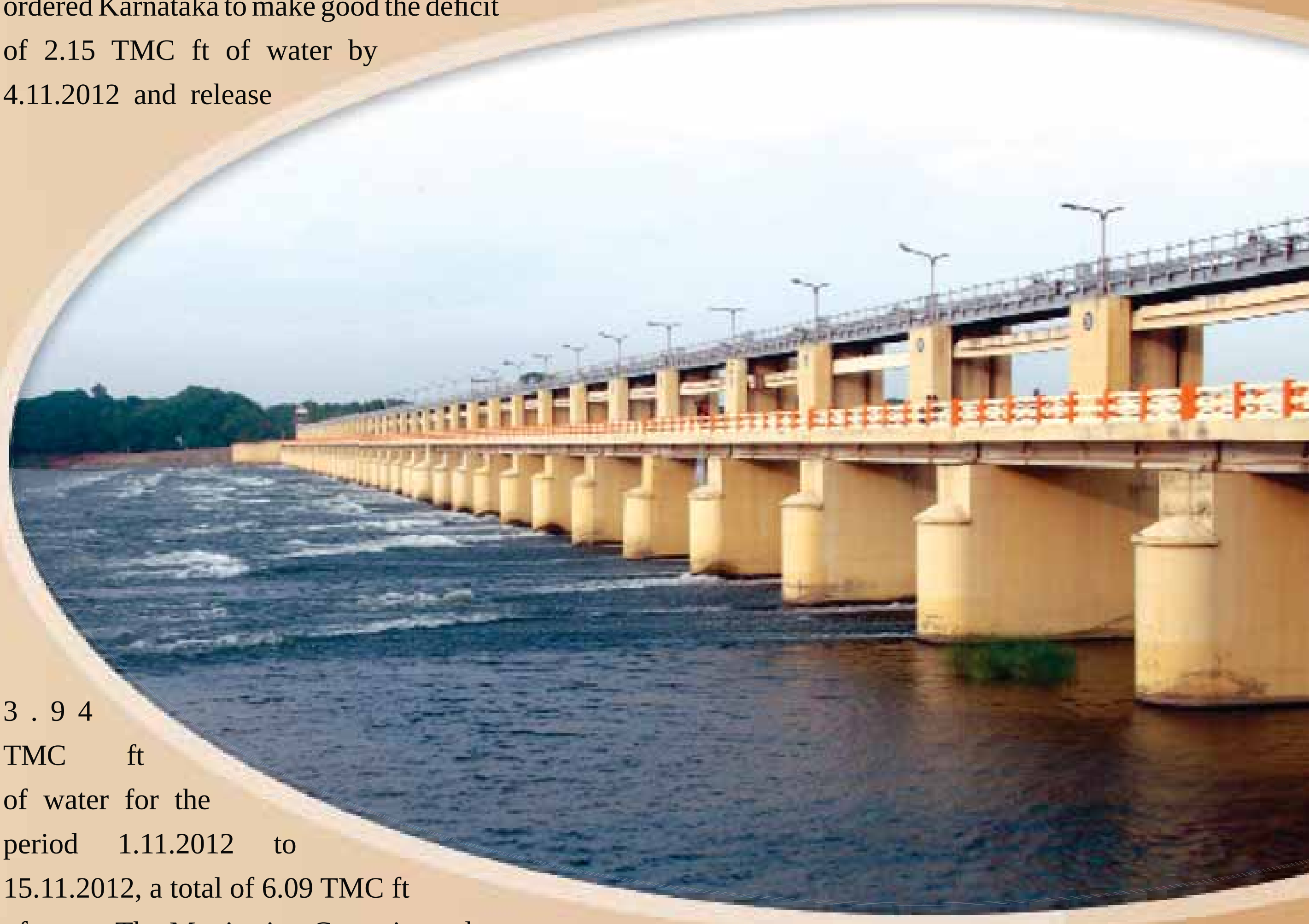
In these circumstances, the Cauvery Monitoring Committee met at New Delhi on 11.10.2012. The Chief Secretary to Government and other high officials participated on behalf of Tamil Nadu. The State pressed at this meeting, for its demand of 48 TMC ft of water calculated as per the Distress formula which is to be released at the rate of 2 TMC ft of water a day, for 24 days. It explained Tamil Nadu had to approach the Supreme Court as Karnataka had refused to honour the Supreme Court's order. It informed the meeting that Karnataka had released water from its reservoirs for its own use even in the distress year. It was emphasised that Tamil Nadu would need 145 TMC ft of water from 15.10.2012 to 16.2.2013 for its Samba crop. Though the 4 Karnataka reservoirs had enough storage, it was said on behalf of Karnataka that it could not release water any more. The Chairman of the Monitoring Committee gave his verdict that Karnataka should release 8.85 TMC ft of water for the period 16.10.2012 to 31.10.2012. Tamil Nadu, represented that the verdict went against Tamil Nadu and it was not proper to direct Karnataka to release water for 15 days alone without taking into account the distress quantum of water of 48 TMC ft to which Tamil Nadu was entitled to. But Karnataka refused to release even this minimum quantum of water.

When the petition, filed on behalf of Tamil Nadu against the intransigent attitude of Karnataka, came up for hearing on 30.10.2012, the Supreme Court directed the Cauvery Monitoring Committee to examine all aspects of the dispute and forward its recommendations.

At the Cauvery Monitoring Committee's meeting at New Delhi on 31.10.2012, Tamil Nadu represented that there was

a deficit of 2.15 TMC ft of water in the 8.85 TMC ft of water asked to be released to Tamil Nadu by the Monitoring Committee on 11.10.2012 and that Karnataka should be ordered to release water as per the Tribunal's interim award from November 2012 to February 2013. After hearing both the sides, the Monitoring Committee ordered Karnataka to make good the deficit of 2.15 TMC ft of water by 4.11.2012 and release 3.94 TMC ft of water for the period 1.11.2012 to 15.11.2012, a total of 6.09 TMC ft of water. The Monitoring Committee also stated, that the 15.11.2012 meeting of the committee would decide on the requests to be made by Tamil Nadu to the committee and on the water to be released further to Tamil Nadu.

At a time when the Kuruvai cultivation remained affected, My Government is taking several steps to somehow save the Samba cultivation and get back Tamil Nadu's rights on the waters of Cauvery. I would like to state at this juncture that due to my persistent efforts and the intervention of the Supreme Court Karnataka has been compelled to release water to some extent and Tamil Nadu got waters.



Steps are taken to get water from Karnataka to Tamil Nadu as per its entitlements. I am confident that through the intervention of Supreme Court Tamil Nadu will get water to meet its needs.

# "Best suited to be the Deputy Speaker"

**Speech of the Hon'ble Chief Minister Selvi J Jayalalithaa Congratulating the newly elected Deputy Speaker at the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly on 29.10.2012 *(English Translation)***

Hon'ble Speaker Sir,

At the outset, I convey my good wishes and congratulations to Thiru. Pollachi V. Jayaraman, the Udumalpet MLA, on his unanimous election as the Deputy Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.

Hailing from an ordinary agriculturist family, Thiru. Pollachi Jayaraman obtained a Post Graduate degree and got a Master of Philosophy degree. Joining the All India Anna DMK at an young age, he held several posts in the party. From the early days of his public life, Brother Thiru. Pollachi Jayaraman has been a staunch upholder of policies. He has the capacity to execute the work assigned to him effectively.

During Puratchi Thalaivar MGR's regime he had served for long as a member of the Khadhi and Village Industries Board. He had the experience of working as President of the Tamil Nadu Textile Corporation. He was first elected to the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly in 2001 from the Pollachi constituency and has been functioning effectively as an MLA. As a Minister, he has held the portfolios of Labour, Food and Co-operation. The same Pollachi Constituency returned him to the Assembly in the 2006 general elections also.

He was elected to the Legislative Assembly in the 2011 general election from the Udumalpet Constituency and he has been functioning effectively. Not only has he had the experience of a ruling party member and Minister but as a member of the opposition also. Hence he can easily assess the feelings of the members of both the ruling party and the opposition parties. On this score alone, he would have imbibed the quality of neutrality. Hence he is the best suited to the post of Deputy Speaker.

Of a genial disposition, Thiru. Pollachi Jayaraman has the ability to execute effectively social welfare works also beside the party work. He has a temperament to help the poor and the disadvantaged. He has revealed his individuality while participating in the debates in this Assembly. He has the requisite qualities and the decorum to be the Deputy Speaker of this Assembly. Thiru. Pollachi Jayaraman is a good person, efficient, educated, humble and is endowed with a keen sense of discrimination. Not only will he be supportive but he can also be on par with the Speaker in discharging duties.

I do not have an iota of doubt that he will earn the confidence and respect of all the members and effectively assist the Speaker. I am confident that all members will extend their co-operation fully to him. I once again offer my congratulations and good wishes to him. ■

# Hon'ble Chief Minister sanctions Rs. 10 crores to appraise farmers on farm products

Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** under Rule 110 in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly on 2.11.2012 *(English Translation)*

Hon'ble Speaker Sir,

It is a sad development that traditional agricultural products endowed with medicinal properties and capable of preserving health, strengthening the immunity system and retaining youthfulness by enhancing beauty are becoming obsolete.

A majority of the people, don't realise, on account of their fascination over modern things, the importance and essentiality of the traditional agricultural products.

Tender coconut, soapnut powder (seeyakkai) and cotton occupied the prime place in the agri-products traditionally used by the ancient Tamils.

Tender coconut contains in a high measure, pottasium, sodium, magnesium, calcium and iron. It is useful in cooling the body system and improves digestion. The tender coconut water is said to increase immunity.

The soapnut power (seeyakkai) takes care of the health of women's tresses, smoothens them and cures the dandruff.

Cotton is the main raw material for weaving cotton clothes. The cotton clothes are capable of weathering intense heat in summer and intense cold in winter seasons. They are environment friendly and is suited for the maintenance of skin-health.

I am happy to announce that steps will be taken to organise awareness programmes across the State on the medicinal properties of the traditional agri-products, on increasing their usage, on bringing back into circulation those products that have become obsolete and on preserving the health of the people through naturopathy as also in increasing the income of farmers. An allotment of Rs. 10 crores will be made for this.

Awareness about traditional agri-products will be created through seminars at State, District and Taluk levels, rallies, advertisement songs in All India Radio, attractive banners with slogans like "Drink tender coconut water; preserve health", thematic exhibitions, slides in theatres, and newspaper and Television ads. ■

# Ways and Means Advance of Rs.1,000 crores to Electricity Board

**First Supplementary Estimates 2012-2013 Speech of the Hon'ble Minister for Finance Thiru. O. Panneerselvam (29.10.2012)**

Hon'ble Speaker Sir,

I rise to present the Supplementary Estimates for the year 2012-2013. The budget for the current financial year was presented on 26th of March 2012. Since then, many "New Service" and "New Instrument of Service" items were sanctioned by the Government keeping in view the welfare of the people and smooth functioning of the administration. The First Supplementary Estimates are being presented mainly to obtain the approval of the Legislature for these Schemes falling under New Service and New Instrument of Service and also for the recoupment of the advances already made from the Contingency Fund.

2. The Supplementary Estimates placed before the House are for a sum of Rs. 5,617.14 crores. Out of this Rs. 3,801.70 crores is in the Revenue Account and Rs. 1,815.44 crores is in the Capital and Loan Accounts. The additional expenditure included in these estimates will be met through an additional Revenue expected in States Own Tax Revenue, Particularly in commercial taxes and state excise and also by bringing better control in expenditure. I will highlight some of the schemes included in the Supplementary Estimates.

3. The Government have sanctioned a Ways and Means Advance of Rs. 1,000 crores to the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board Limited for assisting its subsidiary company, TANGEDCO, in the current financial year

to improve their cash management. In addition, the Government has provided a total amount of Rs. 1,086.25 crores as subsidy in the respective demands in addition to the provisions already made in the Budget 2012-2013, as per the orders of the TNERC. Apart from this, Rs. 2,000 crores is also provided now to meet the state commitment for implementing the Financial Restructuring Package. This expenditure is included in the Supplementary Estimates under the 'Demand No. 14 – Energy Department'.

4. With the loan assistance from NABARD, the Government have sanctioned a sum of Rs. 235 crores for construction of bridges under the Rural Infrastructure Development Fund Scheme for the year 2012-2013. The Government have also sanctioned a total sum of Rs. 275.68 crores for formation of roads, bridges and subways in and around Chennai. A sum of Rs. 1,000 for each item have been included in the Supplementary Estimates under the 'Demand No. 21 – Highways and Minor Ports Department'.

5. The Government have accorded Administrative Sanction for establishing Tamil Nadu Fisheries University at Nagapattinam at a total cost of Rs. 18.10 crores and Fisheries Institute of Technology at Ponneri and Nagapattinam at a total cost of Rs. 68.17 crores. Sums of Rs. 8 crores and Rs. 14 crores respectively have been included as the current year provisions for establishing these institutions in the Supplementary Estimates under the 'Demand No.7 – Fisheries (Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries Department)'.

6. Government have sanctioned a sum of Rs. 19.44 crores for setting up of Maternity and Child Health Care Centres in the identified 31 Sub centres and 42 Primary Health Centres. A sum of Rs. 4.50 crores for upgradation of the burns ward as centre of excellence in the Government hospital at Sivakasi have also been sanctioned. Of this, Rs. 2.25 crores is sanctioned for construction component and the balance has been included in the 'Demand No.19 – Health and Family Welfare Department'. A sum of Rs. 1,000 for each item have been included in the Supplementary Estimates for these purposes. The balance amount would be met by reappropriation from savings within the Grant.

7. The Government have sanctioned a sum of Rs. 28 crores towards purchase of 1,980 sets of personal protective equipments for our brave personnel of the Fire and Rescue Services Department and a sum of Rs. 8 crores is included in the Supplementary Estimates for the current year. Administrative sanction has also been given for constructing of a new building for the Directorate of Fire and Rescue Services at a cost of Rs. 5.99 crores. A sum of Rs. 1,000 is included in the Supplementary Estimates under the 'Demand No. 23 – Fire and Rescue Services (Home, Prohibition and Excise Department)'. The balance amount would be met by reappropriation from savings within the grant.

8. The Government have sanctioned a sum of Rs. 150 crores to carry out plugging of sewage out falls in Chennai to prevent untreated sewage from entering into waterways. A sum of Rs. 1,000 is included in the Supplementary Estimates under the 'Demand No. 26 – Housing and Urban Development Department'. The balance amount would be met by reappropriation from savings within the grant.

9. Rs. 50 crores is sanctioned for taking up basic infrastructure work in Pudukkottai Municipality on the occasion of its centenary celebration. A sum of Rs. 1,000 is included in the Supplementary Estimates under 'Demand No. 34 – Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department'.

10. With this, Hon'ble Speaker Sir, I now commend the First Supplementary Estimates for 2012-2013 for the acceptance of the House.

Vanakkam. ■

# 'A Special Police Youth Battalion' for Tamil Nadu

Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister **Selvi J Jayalalithaa**
under Rule 110 in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly on 29.10.2012 *(English Translation)*

Hon'ble Speaker Sir,

The Tamil Nadu Police is carrying out several essential tasks like maintaining law and order, investigating crimes, preventing crimes, regulating traffic, taking up rescue operations during natural calamities and crowd management during festivals.

The strength of such an important police force is 1,13,629. This works out to one police personnel for every 635 persons. Against this sanctioned strength, only 82 percent of posts have been filled up, as on 1.1.2012.

To make up the deficit in the Police department, I have ordered the filling up of 12,208 vacant posts of constables through the Tamil Nadu Uniformed Service Recruitment Board.

Following my order, the Tamil Nadu Uniformed Service Recruitment Board, conducted a written test for constables on 24.6.2012. The physical fitness test was conducted in August 2012 and the list of selected personnel was released on 12.10.2012. Medical test is being conducted to 12,162 constables whose names find a place in the list. Those who successfully complete the medical test will be given training for 7 months. Only thereafter they can join the Police ranks.

Taking this into account and the need to create 19,096 more posts to keep the police-people ratio as per the yardstick framed by Tamil Nadu Government and the exiting of thousands of retirees every year, it becomes necessary to create an auxiliary force to help

the police in some of their activities. By having such a force, the serving police constables can be fully engaged in prime police activities such as maintaining law and order, controlling crimes and in crime investigation.

To realise this purpose, I am happy to inform this Legislature Assembly, a special force - “Tamil Nadu Special Police Youth Battalion” will be created in Tamil Nadu.

Persons selected to this Battalion will be involved in regulating traffic, serving the summons issued by the Courts, managing the crowds, night patrol duty and in the post of drivers.

The selection to the Battalion will be district wise, by the respective Superintendent of Police after giving due publicity. The eligibility criterion is a pass in 10th standard examinations and between 18 and 30 years of age. The winners in the test will join the Brigade in the respective districts.

An honorarium of Rs. 7,500/- will be provided to the members of the Battalion during the training period and in service. They will be permitted to enjoy the police canteen facilities. Also, they will be supplied essential commodities like rice, wheat, sugar, maida and dhal at subsidised rates as per the prescribed scale.

Members of the Battalion who have put in one year of satisfactory service will become eligible for absorption in the vacant Constable posts in the Police Department. Every year, a specific percentage of vacancies occurring in constabulary will be filled up with the personnel of the Battalion who are selected. For this, the Recruitment Board will conduct a special examination every year. The Board will release the list of the successful candidates. Those who are unable to clear the examination, can continue to be in the Battalion till they attain the age of 40. Beyond 40, the Tamil Nadu Government itself will provide them alternative employment.

In the current financial year 10,000 people will be recruited for the Battalion in the State. For this, examinations will be conducted in December. The successful candidates will be given basic training in January 2013 and appointed before the end of this financial year. In 2013-2014 financial year, 15,000 persons will be recruited. Recruitment will go on every year as per the needs, upto 50,000 persons will be enrolled in the Battalion. ■

# DIRECT EMPLOYMENT TO 36,855 PERSONS; INDIRECT TO ONE LAKH PERSONS 12 COMPANIES TO INVEST Rs. 20,925 CRORES

Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** under Rule 110 in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly on 1.11.2012 *(English Translation)*

Hon'ble Speaker Sir,

My Government has been taking concerted action for industrial growth for rejuvenating the State's economy, increase direct and indirect employment opportunities, improve people's standard of living and make Tamil Nadu as the premier State in the country.

To take Tamil Nadu on a planned long term growth trajectory, I released a plan document, 'Vision 2023' on 22.3.2012. The main objective of 'Vision 2023' is to increase the State's gross domestic product at a growth rate of 11% or more - about 20% more than the expected growth rate of India's Gross Domestic Product over a period of 10 years.

By way of initiating action on the long term plan Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) for an investment of Rs. 5,700 crores were signed with 5 industrial establishments in my presence on 14.5.2012. Employment opportunities for 9,530 persons were created through this.

In continuation of this, permission was granted at the cabinet meeting held on 26.9.2012 for 7 more establishments to invest in Tamil Nadu.

As per this:-

1) Harsha Group companies, in collaboration with the world renowned American Firm PPG, will establish a fibre glass and float glass manufacturing industry at the SIPCOT Industrial Park in Thervai Kandigai, Kancheepuram District with an investment of Rs. 4,100 crores. This will provide direct employment opportunity to 1,850 persons.

2) The TVS Group of Companies, the high tradition industrial house of Tamil Nadu will expand their factories in Chennai, Hosur and Oragadam with an investment of Rs. 700 crores to manufacture spare parts (for their vehicle production) and rubber and plastic ancillaries. This will create direct job opportunities to 1,300 persons.

3) Another front ranking industrial establishment of Tamil Nadu, the Murugappa group of companies will establish industries in Thiruvallur and Kancheepuram districts with an investment of Rs. 500 crores to manufacture iron pipes, ancillaries for vehicles and industries, spare parts for cycle and scooter production. On account of this investment, direct employment opportunities will be created for 1,130 persons.

4) Danfoss company of Denmark has set up its manufacturing unit in Tamil Nadu. It manufactures machineries for industries. It proposes to invest Rs. 500 crores in Oragadam, Chennai for improving its Research and Development facilities and to expand its production. About 1,200 persons are likely to be employed.

5) The world famous American Firm Sanmina-SCI an Electronics Hardware Manufacturing Company has proposed to invest Rs. 250 crores in Oragadam for expanding its industry. Through this, employment opportunities for 1,500 persons will be created.

6) The globally front ranking mobile phone manufacturer Nokia company has set up its production unit in Sriperumbudur as per a Memorandum of Understanding it signed with this Government in 2005 and has invested so far Rs. 1,380 crores. About 8,800 persons are employed. It has now come forward to invest Rs. 250 crores more. This will create direct job opportunities to 500 persons.

7) The famous Alticor Incorporated with its headquarters in America and manufacturer of household articles, proposes to establish its manufacturing unit in Nilakottai, Dindigul District with an investment of Rs. 300 crores. About 475 persons will be employed.

I am happy to announce that over and above these 7 industries, permission was granted at the cabinet meeting held on 27.10.2012 to 5 more companies to invest in Tamil Nadu. As per this:-

8) The 4th largest car manufacturing industry in the world, the Hyundai Motor company has come forward to invest Rs. 4,000 crores for expanding its factory in Irungattukottai. This will create 500 additional employment opportunities.

9) One of the biggest multi-national companies of India, the Indo Rama company has come forward to set up its petro-chemical industry and synthetic fibre manufacturing unit in Tamil Nadu with an investment of Rs. 4,500 crores. To be located at Ennore, Chennai and near Coimbatore, about 500 persons will get job opportunities in these units. This will be the first Petro-Chemical Industry in Tamil Nadu.

10) The Indian firm BGR Energy Group in collaboration with the world famous Hitachi company is to set up an industry in Nergunapattu village, Cheyyur Taluk, Kancheepuram District to manufacture turbines, generators and boilers, needed for electricity generating companies. The investment is Rs. 2,325 crores and the employment opportunities created are 2,400.

11) The Add Industrial Park has come forward to set up an Integrated Textile Park on a 2,000 acres area near Annoor in Coimbatore district with an investment of Rs. 3,100 crores. In the first year it will create employment opportunities to 2,000 persons and at the end of the 7th year to 25,000 persons.

12) The world renowned glass manufacturer, Saint Gobain of France has come forward to invest Rs. 400 crores in Sriperumbudur and in Perunthurai for its expansion works. About 500 people will get employment opportunities.

I would like to state that as the above mentioned 12 companies are about to invest to an extent of Rs. 20,925 crores, direct employment opportunities to 36,855 persons and indirect employment opportunities to about one lakh persons will be created.

I am happy to inform this August Assembly that my Government is to sign the Memoranda of Understanding with these 12 companies on 5.11.2012 and I am proud to say that this is the highest investment to be signed in one day in the history of Tamil Nadu Industries Department.

# NEW FOOD
## REGIMEN UNDER NUTRITIOUS MEAL PROGRAMME

Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** under Rule 110 in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly on 2.11.2012 *(English Translation)*

Hon'ble Speaker Sir,

Puratchi Thalaivar MGR started the Nutritious Meal Programme in 1982 with a view to remove malnutrition in children from the economically backward strata of the society, increase the percentage of school going children and eliminate the phenomenon of drop-outs.

I had noted that a stereo-type food was being served to children for a long time under the Nutritious Meal programme and I had instructed officials to take steps to change the food routine so as to be in tune with the times and as per the likings of the children.

As per my directive, noted culinary experts and experts in the fields of nutrition were consulted for introducing a new food regimen. As a sequel to these consultations, channa (kondaikadalai) pulav rice and pepper sprinkled eggs were served to children on a pilot basis, in a school in Saidapet, Chennai and in another school run by Anthanallur Panchayat in Srirangam Constituency, Tiruchy District. It was found that children liked the food. The culinary experts also demonstrated 13 varieties of 'Mixed rice and 4 types of 'Masala' eggs.

Encouraged by the results of these tests, I am happy to announce that my Government has decided to gradually introduce the new food regimen in the Nutritious Meal Programme.

Following order will be observed: In the 1st and 3rd weeks of the month vegetable biriyani and pepper sprinkled eggs will be served on Mondays, channa (kondaikadalai) pulav and tomato egg masala on Tuesdays,

tomato rice and pepper sprinkled eggs on Wednesdays, rice, sambar and boiled eggs on Thursdays, curry leaves rice (Karuveppilai rice) or greens rice (Keerai rice), egg masala and chilli-roasted potato on Fridays.

In the second and fouth weeks, sambar rice and onion, tomato masala eggs (Mondays), meal maker, vegetable-mix rice and pepper eggs (Tuesdays), puliyodharai and tomato masala eggs (Wednesdays), lemon rice, tomato masala eggs and sundal (Thursdays) and rice, sambar, boiled eggs and potato curry (Fridays) will be served.

Likewise, a new food regimen will be introduced to Anganwadi Children also taking into account, their speciality and digestive capacity.

Accordingly, tomato rice and boiled eggs will be served on Mondays, mixed rice(Kalavai saadham) and sundal on Tuesdays, vegetable pulav rice and boiled eggs on Wednesdays, lemon rice and boiled eggs on Thursdays, dhal rice and boiled potato on Fridays and mixed rice on Saturdays and Sundays.

The new schedule will be introduced in one taluk in each district on a pilot basis and extended to other taluks after assessing the implementation of the scheme.

This measure of my Government will pave way in increasing the school-going children number and in improving their nutrition levels. ■

The Victorious Tamil Nadu Police Team which won the first place and a trophy in the 13th All India Police Rifle and Revolver/Pistol shooting competition 2012, held at Jaipur District in Odisha State called on the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** at the Secretariat on 17.10.2012 and received the Chief Minister's good wishes.

# GOVERNMENT TO BEAR MEDI-COST BEYOND INSURANCE COVER FOR THE POOR

Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister
**Selvi J Jayalalithaa** under Rule 110 in the
Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly on 2.11.2012
*(English Translation)*

Hon'ble Speaker Sir,

It is no exaggeration if it is said that Public Health plays an important role in determining the human development level and remains as the yardstick to measure the overall economic growth of a country. On this basis and by way of providing health cover to all segments of people, my Government has been taking several pointed actions.They include improving the infrastructure facilities in Government hospitals, appointment of doctors, clinical and non-clinical employees, providing medical facilities to those residing in areas not easily accessible, near their dwellings and providing high quality medical facilities using the development in technology.

Village health nurses play an important role in implementing the important schemes of the Public Health and Family Welfare Department. They have to visit daily the Browsing Centres and the Primary Health Centre to register through computer details regarding pregnant women, children and lactating mothers under the Dr. Muthulakshmi Reddy Maternity Assistance Scheme.

I am happy to inform that laptops will be provided to Village Health Nurses at no cost so that their time can be conserved and their work will get a boost. A sum of Rs. 21.11 crores will be alloted for this.

I am also happy to announce that Multipurpose Hospital Workers will be appointed in the following manner to take up works like cleaning the premises of government hospitals, district headquarters hospitals, taluk hospitals, health offices and primary health centres, maintaining hygienic conditions and maintaining and protecting the hospital complexes.

(1) Sanitary workers and sweepers in hospitals with a bed strength of less than 200 - appointment through employment exchange on a yearly contract basis, extendable upto 5 years, on a consolidated salary to be fixed by the District Collectors.

(2) In hospitals with a bed strength of more than 200, the vacant posts of hospital worker and sweepers will be filled up through outsourcing.

(3) The vacant post of Nurse Assistants-Grade II will be filled up with hospital workers after giving them the necessary training.

Likewise, I am happy to inform 2,176 security personnel will be appointed in the following manner for improving the security of hospitals.

(1) 776 security personnel will be appointed through outsourcing to take care of the security of big hospitals. They will keep a

vigil round the clock on a 8 hour roster duty basis.

(2) In hospitals with a bed strength of more than 200, 1,400 security personnel will be appointed through outsourcing to take care of the ICU wards(Intensive care unit), Emergency ward, Maternity ward and Neonatal care ward. For the appointment of these personnel, Rs. 20 crores will be additionally allotted.

Also I am happy to announce that my Government has decided to allot Rs. 15 crores towards maintenance of hospital buildings, that is improving sewage removal, toilet facility, drinking water facility, and renewing electrical fixings; Rs. 10 crores for replacing the damaged wooden articles with new ones in medical college hospitals and an additional Rs. 20 crores for purchase of equipment and medicine for maintaining service in hospitals without slackening.

I have allotted Rs. 10 crores additionally for purchase of life-saving special drugs. Already a sum of Rs. 284 crores have been allotted for purchase of medicines in hospitals and life-saving high grade medicines.

With the view that all sections of people of Tamil Nadu should get quality medical care, I inaugurated the ‘Chief Minister’s Comprehensive Medical Insurance Scheme’ on 11.1.2012 which is being implemented. The scheme covers 1,016 kinds of treatment, 23 important tests, 113 kinds of recurring treatment. The policy holder can take treatment costing upto Rs. one lakh in a year. For 77 specific ailments, the treatment cost can go upto Rs. 1.50 lakhs. The insurance cover includes the cost of Lab tests also.

Under this scheme, the Insurance company has so far agreed to clear Rs. 384 crores to benefit 1,64,365 persons.

Still, the cost for liver transplantation, renal transplantation including post-transplant immunosuppresant therapy, bone marrow transplantation, cochlear implantation and stem cell transplantation exceeds Rs. 1.50 lakhs. My attention was drawn to the plight of the poor and the disadvantaged to bear this additional cost by themselves.

Taking into account, the condition of these patients, a corpus fund will be created, so that the Government can bear the additional cost incurred by them over and above the insurance amount of Rs. 1.50 lakhs. As a first instalment, Rs. 10 crores will be made over to this corpus fund. In the coming years, I am happy to announce that Rs. 20 crores will be alloted to this fund every year from the proceeds of the insurance amount obtained in Government hospitals.

# FESTIVAL ADVANCE TO GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES HIKED TO Rs. 5,000/-

Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** under Rule 110 in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly on 1.11.2012 *(English Translation)*

Hon'ble Speaker Sir,

It is no exaggeration to say that Government Employees constitute the substratum, the pivot, the backbone of a Government. To protect the interests of such an important segment, the Government Employees and Teachers, my Government has been extending several concessions to them like increasing the house advance from Rs. 15 lakhs to Rs. 25 lakhs, increasing the maternity leave from 3 months to 6 months and extending a modified new health insurance scheme for them.

In my first term as Chief Minister, that is in 1996, I had ordered that Indira Vikas Patras of Rs.500/- value be presented to Government Employees who have completed 25 years of unblemishless service. The certificates were distributed as per that order. Later Kisan Vikas patras were distributed in the place of Indira Vikas Patras. The Central Government stopped the issue of Kisan Vikas Patras also from 1.12.2011.

Taking into account that the issue of Kisan Vikas Patra had ceased and that the benefit money of Rs. 500/- was fixed 15 years ago, I am happy to announce that I have issued orders to increase the amount to Rs. 2,000/- and that be handed over in cash to the eligible Government Employees along with a certificate from the Government.

I am also happy to announce that I have passed orders to increase the festival advance from Rs. 2,000/- (fixed 5 years ago) to Rs. 5,000/-.

I am confident these actions of my Government will enthuse the Government Employees to discharge their duties in a better way.

# Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly Diamond Jubilee Celebration

## President of India Thiru. Pranab Mukherjee to be the Chief Guest

Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister **Selvi J Jayalalithaa**
under Rule 110 in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly on 1.11.2012
*(English Translation)*

Hon'ble Speaker Sir,

After Independence, the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly was constituted, according to the Indian Constitution, in 1952. It completes 60 years this year. Its Diamond Jubilee is to be celebrated on a grand scale on 30.11.2012 at the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly Hall.

To invite His Excellency, the President of India, Thiru. Pranab Mukherjee to be the Chief guest of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations, Hon'ble Speaker of the Assembly, Hon'ble Minister for Finance, Hon'ble Minister for Electricity, Prohibition and Excise and Members of Parliament called on the President at Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi on 26.10.2012, presented my invitation letter and invited him.

By a letter dated 29.10.2012, His Excellency, the President of India, conveyed the acceptance of my invitation and his consent to participate in the Diamond Jubilee celebrations to be held on 30.11.2012.

Following this, today I went to Raj Bhavan and invited in person His Excellency the Governor of Tamil Nadu Dr. K. Rosaiah to preside over the Diamond Jubilee celebrations. I am happy to inform the Assembly that His Excellency the Governor has agreed to preside over the function.

I request, through you, all the members of this Assembly to participate in the function. ■

# Hon'ble Chief Minister lays the foundation stone for Rs. 103.39 crores Master Plan Complex for Tiruppur Collectorate

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa on 12.10.2012 laid the foundation stone for a Rs.103.39 crores Master Plan Complex for Tiruppur Collectorate at the Secretariat through video conferencing, inaugurated several other plan schemes costing Rs. 1601.56 crores and distributed house pattas to beneficiaries under the Natham settlement.

Taking into account that Government office buildings with all facilities are essential for running the district administration effectively in the newly formed districts and for District Collector, Superintendent of Police and other District officials to work efficiently, the Hon'ble Chief Minister accorded sanction for a Master Plan Complex inclusive of the District Collectorate at Tiruppur city at a cost of Rs. 103,38,93,800/-.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister ordered the creation of new taluks so that people can have easy access to the offices of the Tahsildar and get their grievances redressed, avert wastage of time and in the general interest of administration and on the lofty notion that splitting of taluks on population basis will improve administrative efficiency.

The newly created taluks are: Kalasapakkam in Thiruvannamalai District, Kollimalai (Namakkal District), Chinnasalem (Villupuram District), and Thirupuvanam (Sivagangai District).

The Hon’ble Chief Minister has already sanctioned Rs. 2,41,53,300/- for the creation of the Kalasapakkam Taluk. This new revenue taluk comprises 9 Firkas in Polur Taluk and the 3 Firkas of Kadaladi, Kettavarampalayam and Kalasapakkam. The creation of this new taluk will benefit 1.40 lakh people in 52 villages and reduce the travel distance by 60 km.

The Hon’ble Chief Minister has already sanctioned Rs. 2,91,03,000/- for the creation of Kollimalai Taluk (Namakkal District) with Semmedu as Headquarters. This Taluk will comprise 16 Revenue villages in the Firkas of Thirupulinaadu and Vazhavandhinaadu. By the creation of Kollimalai Taluk, more than 40,000 Tribal people in the above hilly region will benefit and 50 km of travel distance and wasteful expenditure will be averted.

For the creation of Chinnasalem Taluk (Villupuram District), the Hon’ble Chief Minister has already sanctioned Rs. 2,41,63,300/-. The new taluk has come into being by streamlining the taluks of Kallakurichi and Sankarapuram. By creating the new Chinnasalem Taluk 2.20 lakhs people in 85 villages will benefit. Moreover, the new taluk will save 50 km of travel distance totally to more than 30,000 tribal people in Sankarapuram and Kalvarayan hill areas.

A sum of Rs. 2,41,53,300/- has already been sanctioned by the Hon’ble Chief Minister for the formation of Thirupuvanam new taluk in Sivagangai District.

As Thirupuvanam is centrally located to the three sub-taluks of Thirupuvanam, Thirupachethi and Konthakai, a new taluk with Thirupuvanam as headquarters and comprising 43 villages of the region is formed in the interest of administration and for the convenience of the people.

In the rural areas of Kanniyakumari District, Municipal and Major Panchayat areas overlap and there are only 81 Revenue Villages, equivalent to 154 Local Bodies. In several revenue villages the population ranges from 30,000 to one lakh. This creates administrative hassles and with a view to remove them,

carry out the basic needs of the people then and there and by way of fulfilling the long standing request of the people of Kanniyakumari District, the Hon'ble Chief Minister ordered the creation of 107 new revenue villages by streamlining the existing revenue villages. The Hon'ble Chief Minister also disbursed Rs. 5.35 crores for the construction of office buildings for the administrative convenience of these villages and ordered the creation of 107 posts of Village Administrative Officers and 107 posts of Village Assistants. The Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated on 12.10.2012 these 107 revenue villages.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister on 12.10.2012 declared open the new Taluk office constructed in an area of 1,244 sq metre at a cost of Rs. 2.03 crores.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister also presented 124 new jeeps purchased at a cost of Rs. 7,02,56,000/- to revenue officials of 30 districts so that they can ascertain the needs of the people and take speedy action to realize them.

Under the Natham settlement scheme, works were completed in 7 villages in Sholinganallur Taluk in Kancheepuram District. The Hon'ble Chief Minister on 12.10.2012 distributed housesite pattas totally measuring 221 acres and valued at Rs. 1,577 crores to 5,229 beneficiaries.

# Tamil Nadu Solar Energy Policy 2012

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa on 20.10.2012 released at the Secretariat the 'Tamil Nadu Solar Energy Policy 2012' document for generation of Electricity with Solar Energy.

Solar Energy is a pure, eco-friendly abundant and inexhaustible source of energy. The Hon'ble Chief Minister is functioning with the long-term perspective of making Tamil Nadu the foremost State by tapping Solar Energy, for its power needs.

The cardinal aims of the Solar Energy Policy are safe energy, generation of 3,000 MW power with Solar Energy and provision of facility to produce Solar Energy equipment indigenously. The Tamil Nadu Government has programmed to generate the 3,000 MW in a phased manner in 3 years – 2013, 2014 and 2015 – at the rate of 1,000 MW each year. Salient features of the Tamil Nadu Solar Energy Policy 2012 are:-

1. Creation of Solar Energy Parks.

2. Providing incentive to domestic consumers and encourage them to set up Solar Energy structures on roof tops.

3. Setting up of roof top Solar Energy equipment will be made mandatory in all the new Government/Local Bodies' buildings.

4. In the existing Government and local bodies buildings, setting up of Solar Energy equipment in roof top will be taken up in a phased manner.

5. The operation of street lights and drinking water facilities of local bodies will be gradually switched over to Solar Energy.

6. Big Factories and High tension consumers have to get a specified percentage of their electricity needs from Solar Energy.

7. Incentives will be provided to manufacturers of Solar Energy equipment.

8. The following policies have been conveyed to power producers from solar energy.

a. Net Metering

b. Exemption from payment of Electricity Tax

c. Exemption from power cuts

# Reallocate the entire quantum of surrendered power to Tamil Nadu

Text of the D.O. letter dated 23.10.2012 addressed by
**Selvi J Jayalalithaa,** Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu to
**Dr. Manmohan Singh,** Hon'ble Prime Minister of India

"I would like to draw your kind attention to my earlier letters regarding the acute power shortage prevailing in the State and the necessity to allocate additional power of 1,000 MW to Tamil Nadu to partly mitigate the crisis. However, a meagre quantum of 100 MW alone was allocated to Tamil Nadu. Even out of this quantum, only about 78 MW is being made available to the State.

There is severe shortage of power in Tamil Nadu due to the failure of the South West Monsoon and the constraints we face in buying power from sources outside the Southern Region due to corridor congestion. Due to the demand - supply gap of about 4,000 MW which is the highest in the Southern Region, widespread load shedding is being resorted to causing severe hardship to the consumers. The Agriculture Sector has also been amongst the worst hit due to the failure of the monsoon and inadequate power supply, thereby affecting food production.

I have already pointed out that the deficit situation in Tamil Nadu has been aggravated due to corridor congestion and have repeatedly requested your urgent intervention to ensure that the required quantum of 1,000 MW of power transmission capacity is made available to enable Tamil Nadu to receive the power contracted by the TANGEDCO.

The Government of the National Capital Territory of Delhi has proposed to surrender power from various Central Generating Stations for the period from 1.11.2012 to 31.3.2013 for a quantum of 230 MW Round the Clock (00.00 to 24.00 hrs) and 1,491 MW during 00.00 to 6.00 hrs. The Chairman-cum-Managing Director, TANGEDCO, has requested the Ministry of Power, Government of India, New Delhi, to reallocate the entire quantum of surrendered power to Tamil Nadu and to arrange to provide the necessary corridor on priority basis for availing of the above power.

I request your kind intervention to tide over this acute power crisis in Tamil Nadu. ■

The Public Department Secretary handed over a cheque for Rs.60,76,603 to the Hon'ble Chief Minister **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** at the Secretariat, Chennai on 9.10.2012. The amount represents the Government's share of the 20% dividend declared by the Repco Bank for the year 2011-2012. The Tamil Nadu Government had extended to the Bank Rs. 3.03 crores as share capital. As of 31.3.2012, the Bank's business was Rs.70.61 crores, a 35 percent growth, enabling it to declare a 20 percent dividend for 2011-2012. The Repco Bank was started with the goal of rehabilitating Indian repatriates from Sri Lanka and Burma and it is extending loans to industries which employ the repatriates in large numbers, to Self Help Groups and students.

The Hon'ble Minister for Industries Thiru. P. Thangamani handed over cheques amounting Rs. 15,26,69,000/- to Hon'ble Chief Minister **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** on 9.10.2012 at the Secretariat. The amount represents the Government's share of the profit earned by SIPCOT (Rs. 14.48 crores) and TAMIN (Rs. 78.69 lakhs) for the year 2010-2011.

# Hon'ble Chief Minister declares open Administrative Building for ELCOT at Sholinganallur ELCOSEZ

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa on 15.10.2012 declared open at the Secretariat through video conferencing the Rs. 1.26 crore administrative building of ELCOT at the ELCOSEZ in Sholinganallur. The Hon'ble Chief Minister also received ISO quality certificates issued to Tamil Nadu State Data Centre.

ELCOT has set up in Tamil Nadu 8 Special Economic Zones for Information Technology. The Hon'ble Chief Minister had directed that these zones be named as ELCOSEZ.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister had ordered in 2005 to transfer to ELCOT 377.08 acres of land in Sholinganallur to establish a knowledge township. This knowledge township land later acquired the status of Special Economic Zone. Land was leased out in the zone to frontline IT companies like WIPRO, HCL, Satyam, Sutherland and CTS. WIPRO, HCL and Satyam have invested around Rs. 1,000 crores in this ELCOSEZ. Direct employment opportunities have been created to 29,200 persons through this ELCOSEZ.

The ELCOT administrative building has come up on a 6,358 sq.ft. plot and at a cost of Rs.1.26 crore. Besides ELCOT's administrative office, the Central Excise Department office is also to be located in the building.

The National Knowledge Network (NKN) provides net connection at supersonic speed, to research and educational institutions in the country. One Gbps (Giga bytes per second) band connection has been given to the Tamil Nadu State Data Centre (TNSDC) and to the Tamil Nadu State Wide Area Network

(TNSWAN) from the National Knowledge Network's Point of Presence (POP) located at the National Information Centre in Besant Nagar, Chennai. Government departments can make use of this secured supersonic band connection and gain access at the national level. They can also establish link with the National Data Centre and the Data Centres of other States. The Hon'ble Chief Minister on 15.10.2012 inaugurated the linkage of NKN with TNSDC and TNSWAN.

The Tamil Nadu State Data Centre has been functioning from the Perungudi Complex, from 1.8.2011 established by the ELCOT with Central and State Governments' assistance at a cost of Rs. 60.80 crores. The Data Centre is one of the important infrastructures for strengthening e-Governance under the National e-Governance Programme. Government Departments can make use of the Data Centre which has a very secured infrastructure for their e-Governance utilization.

The Tamil Nadu State Data Centre has all the qualifications to receive the ISO 20000 certificate and the ISO 27001 certificate issued for Information Safety Management.

Thiru. N.R. Krishnakumar, National Manager of Det Norske Veritas company presented the ISO certificates for the State Data Centre to the Hon'ble Chief Minister. The Tamil Nadu State Data Centre is the first of its kind to receive ISO certificates in the Country.

The Government owned ELCOT has been appointed as the optional agency for procuring the hardwares and softwares for Government departments and establishments. The Hon'ble Minister for Information Technology Mukkur Thiru. N. Subramanian presented a cheque for Rs. 14,89,90,529/- to the Hon'ble Chief Minister towards the appointment fee ELCOT has to pay to Government and the interest for the procurement deposit.

# Hon'ble Chief Minister declares open Railway Over bridge in Chennai, ID hospital and buildings

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa on 15.10.2012 declared open the Rangarajapuram Railway Overbridge, through video conferencing at the Secretariat. The Rs. 8.71 crores Overbridge connects Bazullah Road and Rangarajapuram road in Chennai Corporation area. The Hon'ble Chief Minister declared it open on behalf of the Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister also declared open the renovated Infection Diseases Hospital at Tondiarpet, an in-door shuttle-cock stadium, a multi-purpose building, an electricity testing hall, a reading room and a rest room, in Chennai all costing totally Rs. 20,91,92,000/-.

Several Highways in Tamil Nadu have to cross the Railway tracks in many places, forcing vehicles to wait for long periods at level crossings. By way of averting this loss of time, the Hon'ble Chief Minister is taking steps for construction of over and under bridges at several important places for crossing the railway tracks. In that way the first phase of the Rangarajapuram Railway Overbridge connecting Bazullah Road and Kodambakkam Railway Station Road was declared open by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 7.9.2011.

The Second Phase of the Overbridge, constructed at a cost of Rs. 8.71 crores and connecting Bazullah Road and Rangarajapuram Road was declared open by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 15.10.2012. This will reduce the travel time of vehicles and people too can go to their destinations in a short time and without much difficulty.

The other facilities of the Chennai Corporation declared open by the Hon'ble Chief Minister were an Infection

Diseases Hospital renovated at a cost of Rs. 19.62 crores at Tondiarpet, an indoor stadium at Shenoy Nagar for shuttle-cock game (Rs. 65 lakhs), a multi-purpose centre at the Ullagaram-Puzhuthiwakkam Ward office complex (Rs. 30 lakhs), an Electric Testing chamber building at Ritchie Street, Chintadripet (Rs. 14.98 lakhs), a reading room at Ullagaram-Puzhuthiwakkam Hindu Colony (Rs. 10 lakhs), and a rest room at the Haddows Road Park in Nungambakkam (Rs. 9.94 lakhs).

The Hon'ble Chief Minister also declared open new buildings constructed at a cost of Rs. 4.10 crores. They are a dwelling cluster with 36 units for conservancy staff at Poosari Street in Tiruchirappalli Corporation area (Rs. 2.50 crores), an office building in Aranthangi Municipality, Pudukottai District (Rs. 75 lakhs), an office building in Perambalur Municipality (Rs. 85 lakhs).

**October 30 - World Thrift Day**

# Today's Savings Tomorrow's Security

Message of the Hon'ble Chief Minister **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** on World Thrift Day *(English Translation)*

"October 30 is observed as 'World Thrift Day' every year to underline the importance of savings to people."

"It is essential for everyone to save one's hard-earned money in a way as to be useful to one's family and the Country. The habit of saving is to be encouraged even from a tender age for ensuring a bright future as exemplified in the dictate 'save little; lead a glorious life'."

"Investment in small savings scheme ensures the safety of the money, its growth helps the Government's developmental programmes and the progress of the Country. Hence I lovingly urge all to develop the habit of investing in Tamil Nadu Small Savings Scheme."

"Today's savings tomorrow's security". As this is a truism I request that all people should start a Recurring Deposit Account in the nearby post offices.

# Tamil Nadu Arasu Cable TV Steps into Chennai Metro

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa on 20.10.2012 inaugurated at the Secretariat through video conferencing the Tamil Nadu Arasu Cable TV's services to Chennai Metropolitan Area.

By way of redeeming the Election Pledge of preventing monopoly in Television industry and providing opportunities to do business to all and that Arasu Cable connections will be given to all people at low rates, the Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated the telecasting service of Tamil Nadu Arasu Cable TV on 02.09.2011. With this, the Arasu Cable TV has been providing wholesome service at low cost.

The Arasu Cable TV has been functioning in 31 districts, barring Chennai, effectively and has enlarged its subscriber base to 58 lakh patrons from 4.94 lakh members. It is offering 100 channels, including popular pay channels at a low cost Rs. 70/- a month. The Tamil Nadu Arasu Cable TV has emerged, at the national level, as the biggest single multi-system operator with the largest number of subscribers. At the all India level, it is the single TV that is offering the highest number of channels for a low fee. Cable operators and the general public have greatly welcomed this scheme.

Two thousand Cable TV operators in Chennai have come forward to distribute the Arasu Cable TV company's telecast services to Chennai Metro People. They cater to about 13 lakh subscribers. Signal will be provided in a gradual way to cable operators who have applied for the same.

Taking into account that the Cable TV service in the four metros, including Chennai, should be digitised as per the Government of India's Rules, steps are being taken, as per the advice of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, to purchase expeditiously for this, the needed equipment like the set top boxes. The citizens of Chennai Metro have been advised to pay Rs. 500 to cable operators as advance and register themselves for getting the set top box. So far 8 lakh people have registered. Steps are being taken to provide them the set top box speedily.

With the inauguration of the services of Arasu Cable TV to Chennai Metro, the TV company is to telecast 155 channels viz. 80 channels in analogue mode and 75 in digital mode. And they will be in several languages including Tamil, English and Hindi to cater to all sections of the people. They will cover various fields like entertainment, sports, music, news, comedy and those for children. As in the rest of the State, the monthly subscription will be Rs. 70/- for 100 channels. If additional channels are required, additional fee will be collected. ■

**Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister Selvi J Jayalalithaa on 3.11.2012 *(English Translation)***

It is no exaggeration to say that road transport is not only linking people but is essential to the growth of economy. In this essential sector, the Government Transport Corporations are playing an important role. Taking into account, the importance of road transport, the Government, I am heading, is taking several studious steps to improve the Government Transport Corporations that are in a deplorable state, by way of financial assistance, adding new buses to the fleet and re-building the old buses.

Following my Government's constructive actions, the State Transport Corporations have started to move on the path of development and are offering efficient, hassle-free and safe transport service to people.

However, the Central Government increased the price of diesel from 14.9.2012 by Rs. 6.07 paise per litre, that is from Rs. 43.91 paise to Rs. 49.98 paise.

On account of this hike in diesel price, the State Transport Corporations have incurred losses. On an average, the State Transport Corporations use 5.24 crore litres of diesel a month as fuel. The fuel cost for State Transport Corporations before the diesel hike on 14.9.2012 was of the order of Rs. 230.08 crores per month. After the increase, the fuel cost has gone up to Rs. 261.90 crores. That is, the diesel price hike has imposed an additional expenditure of Rs. 31.82 crores per month. Calculated for a year, the loss is to the tune of Rs. 381.81 crores. In the current year alone, that is from14.9.2012 to 31.3.2013, the State Transport Corporations have to shell out Rs. 206.83 crores additionally. If we are to compensate this loss, we have to increase the bus fares in the State Transport Corporations.

However, I am happy to announce the Government has decided to bear this additional expenditure on itself in the interest of the people and by way of compensating the loss the Corporations have incurred. A sum of Rs. 200 crores was allotted for this, in the First Supplementary Estimates which had been approved by the State Legislative Assembly on 2.11.2012.

# GOVERNMENT IS TAKING ALL STEPS TO CONTROL DENGUE FEVER

**Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister**
**Selvi J Jayalalithaa**
**on 15.10.2012 (English Translation)**

In the wake of various reports carried by media about dengue fever, a review meeting about the incidence of this fever was held today (15.10.2012) at the Secretariat. I presided over the meeting.

Hon'ble Minister for Health, Chief Secretary to Government, Principal Secretary, Finance Department, Secretary, Health and Family Welfare Department and other high Government officials participated.

In the month of May, this year, a review meeting was held under my chairmanship on controlling the dengue fever. In that meeting I had directed officials to intensify the action taken for the eradication of the mosquito causing the dengue fever and to launch an awareness campaign about this disease.

As per my direction, fumigation of public places is taken up continuously to eradicate the mosquitoes and thereby control the incidence of fever. Also, the District Collectors are conducting awareness programmes in their respective areas on protecting environmental hygiene, averting collection of rain water in houses, sterilising the drinking water, closing water cans and vessels with tight lids to prevent access to mosquitoes and getting

treatment at the nearby Primary Health Centres or Government Hospitals at the first signs of the fever. These programmes are taken up as precautionary measures for preventing the outbreak of water borne disease and those caused by insects during the times of seasonal changes. Moreover, committees have been set up at the State and District levels and awareness about dengue fever is created among the public. Everyday 800 awareness camps are being held. Also, Hon'ble Minister and high officials of the Health, Municipal Administration, Rural development department and those of local bodies are touring, as per my direction, the districts and supervising the action taken. Already a special fund of Rs. 2.49 crores has been allotted.

It is usual that one percent of the population is affected by fever in a routine manner. This may increase to 2 percent during rainy seasons. All these incidence of fever cannot be termed as dengue fever. Still, the incidence of fever in all parts of Tamil Nadu is closely monitored. Enough stocks of medicine to treat dengue are available in all Primary Health Centres and Government Hospitals. All Government Hospitals have enough blood units ready for use. If any area reported more than three cases of fever, steps are taken to find out the cause for the occurrence of fever and remove such causes totally.

Despite these intensive measures of the Government, media is creating a panic among people by publishing news that the incidence of dengue is increasing and the basis for this is the conclusions arrived at after subjecting the patient to a rapid blood test. The death of a person due to multi-organ failure, too has been reported in newspapers as due to dengue. This is baseless. The confirmation test for dengue fever is Elisa blood test. On the basis of this test, as on date only 59 persons suffer from dengue fever. Appropriate treatment is being given to them. They are responding to the treatment. Four hundred persons who were affected with dengue fever this month, have been cured completely and have been discharged.

Hence I would like to state that people need not panic over the dengue fever and that my Government is taking all measures to control it. ■

# 'THE GOVERNMENT MACHINERY IS GEARED TO MEET ANY EVENTUALITY'

Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister
Selvi J Jayalalithaa
on 20.10.2012
*(English Translation)*

**I** had directed the officials, even before the onset of the North East monsoon in Tamil Nadu, to take precautionary and protective measures so as to save the people from getting ravaged by heavy rains.

As Tamil Nadu is lashed by heavy rains for the last 2 days (19th and 20th of October 2012) on account of the onset of the monsoon (on 19th) and the intensification of the low pressure formed in the Bay of Bengal, I convened a meeting at the Secretariat today (20.10.2012) to review in detail the preventive and protective measures being taken up and the relief assistance to be given to the affected people.

Hon'ble Minister for Finance, Hon'ble Minister for Electricity, Prohibition and Excise, Hon'ble Minister for Social Welfare, Chief Secretary to Government, Additional Chief Secretary to the Department of Municipal Administration and Water Supply, Principal Secretary, Revenue Department and Principal Secretary, Finance Department, Commissioner, Revenue Administration and other high Government officials participated.

Detailed discussions were held at the meeting on the loss of human life, cattle and about the houses damaged on account of the heavy rains.

So far 20 persons have died due to electrocution and lightning in the last 2 days' rains. I have ordered immediate disbursal of Rs. 2.50 lakhs each to the bereaved families of the deceased.

Thirty eight huts have so far been damaged totally by the rains and 123 huts partially. I have ordered a relief assistance of Rs. 5000/- to the owners of the fully damaged huts and Rs. 2,500/- for the partially damaged huts. Additionally, I have ordered the supply of 10 kgs of rice, a dhothi and a saree and one litre of kerosene to the families which have lost their houses in the rain.

The heavy rains have claimed so far 112 heads of cattle. I have ordered a compensation of Rs. 20,000/- each to those who have lost their cattle, Rs. 2000/- each to those who have lost their goats and Rs. 100/- each for loss of poultry.

I have advised the officials to drain out the flood waters that have stagnated in subways and roads then and there.

As the North East monsoon is likely to extend upto the end of this year. I have also advised that Hon'ble Ministers and high Government officials to visit the districts, hold consultations with the respective district collectors and review the protective and relief measures taken up in those places.

The District Administration has been geared up in all districts to take up the protective and relief measures on a 'war-footing'. I would like to state that the Government machinery is ready to meet any eventuality. ■

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** declared open through video conferencing at the Secretariat on 18.10.2012 the development works around the Puratchi Thalaivar Dr. MGR statue at Kokkirakulam, Thirunelveli Town which include a park and a parapet, all costing Rs. 6 lakhs.

# HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER DECLARES OPEN UPGRADED ENVIRONMENT PARK AT COURTALLAM

**H**on'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa on 15.10.2012 declared open through video conferencing at the Secretariat an upgraded environment park at Courtallam in Thirunelveli District. The park was developed at a cost of Rs. 5.73 crores.

The Government horticulture farm has been functioning in 37 acres at Courtallam in Thirunelveli District from 1959. Located in the western ghats very near the five falls, the farm goes by several names like falls park, and the orchard. The purpose of the upgraded park is to create an awareness on protecting the fauna of the western ghats and the natural terrain of the place and attract tourists in greater numbers.

The park has been designed to enhance the beauty of the western ghats by blending it with the surrounding natural forests. The speciality of the park is its water falls, a pathway where children and adults walk enjoying the water falls, a sports stadium for children, statues, concrete statues, long tiled pathways and canteen.

The park is disabled-friendly. Several eye-catching and thematic gardens like Perani Thottam, bamboo clusters, rose garden, butterfly garden, gardens with lotus and lilly ponds, herbal farms, fragrant flower garden, stone garden and natural falls garden have been located in the park.

Other important features of the park are a 'Dare-Devil' sports arena, concrete tableaux depicting Sangam Age events adorning the pathways, watch towers and enough parking space for vehicles. Colourful lights throughout the park to enhance its beauty and automatic drip and sprinkler irrigation facilities to water the plants have been provided. ■

# 1,141 GODOWNS AT A COST OF RS. 97.20 CRORES FOR FARMERS' USE

**H**on'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa declared open at the Secretariat on 15.10.2012, 1,141 godowns constructed at a cost of Rs. 97.20 crores for the Agricultural Producers' Co-operative Marketing Committee and for Primary Agricultural Co-operative Credit Societies.

At the peak harvest periods, farmers can store their grains safely in the godowns of the Marketing Committee or in those of the credit societies and raise credit 60 to 80 percent of the price of their produce for their urgent needs and thereby avert distress selling their produce.

The agricultural produce that have been sold in auction can be kept for a month in the godowns of the Marketing Committee till the traders settle their dues to farmers in full.

The storage capacity of the godowns in Co-operative societies in Tamil Nadu is 8 lakhs metric tons. To increase this capacity and make it sufficient for the needs of agriculturists 1,141 godowns were constructed in 2011-2012 under the Rural Infrastructure Development Fund Scheme at a cost of Rs. 97.20 crores. They include 1,116 godowns of 100 metric tons capacity in Primary Agricultural Co-operative Credit Societies in 29 districts, 16 godowns of 500 tons capacity for the Agricultural Producers Co-operative Marketing Committee, 7 godowns of 1,000 metric tons capacity and 2 godowns of 2,000 metric tons capacity. With these godowns, the total storage capacity increases to 9,30,600 metric tons.

Hon'ble Chief Minister announced in the Legislative Assembly on 25.8.2012 that godowns would be constructed through Tamil Nadu Co-operative Societies for protecting the interests of farmers. In accordance with that statement and outpacing all other states in India in the number of godowns, 1,141 godowns were constructed speedily for the use of farmers. These godowns were declared open on 15.10.2012. ■

# Chennai Mega City Development Mission Rs. 879.78 crores for 2012-2013

Chennai has become a mega city after the annexure of the suburban areas with it. This calls for the development of infrastructure facilities. Bearing this in mind, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa has already announced a "Chennai Mega City Development Mission (CMCDM)" to make Chennai the foremost State in the country by implementing several schemes like drinking water supply, sewage, health programmes, storm water drains, solid waste management, roads, street lights, bus stands and parking areas for vehicles. The Hon'ble Chief Minister also allotted Rs. 500 crores for implementing the scheme in 2011-2012.

Of this allotment, works costing Rs. 333.27 crores were taken up for execution, like laying 360 roads to a length of 175.36 Km in the newly annexed areas, storm water drain, footpath, underground ducts to carry cables, street lights and junction boxes.

Also, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has ordered the implementation of works through Chennai Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board, costing Rs. 189.10 crores such as fixing power pipes between sewerage pumping stations, laying water mains to supply drinking water, replacing blocked GI and PVC mains with new ones, purchasing 35 jetrading and 50 de-silting machines and increasing the diameter of the sewage drains.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister has also directed the taking up of an integrated development programme for Chennai under the CMCDM in 2012-2013 of roads (1,189 roads running to a length of 280.83 Km), Storm water drains, cable ducts, street lights and junction boxes, costing Rs. 366.23 crores.

For the management of solid wastes in the new areas, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has ordered the purchase of 180 modern machinery costing Rs. 42.08 crores such as compactor vehicles, small and big to carry garbage, hollow-dipper vehicles with higher

capacity, hydraulic vehicles with excavation and gripping facility, heavy weight dipper vehicles front and back cranes, smaller cranes with a sliding quality and large mechanised garbage lorries.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister has also ordered the setting up of 6 more garbage conversion stations to the existing 7 stations at a cost of Rs. 18.70 crores.

As per the Hon'ble Chief Minister's guidance, the Chennai Metro Water Supply and Sewerage Board has prepared a detailed scheme to supply drinking water to the entire area covered by the mega city.

For taking up works under this scheme, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has accorded sanction to the tune of Rs. 452.77 crores to the CMWSSB.

As per this scheme, extensive drinking water supply plans costing Rs. 192.02 crores will be executed in the new areas of Nolambur, Karambakkam, Ramapuram, Manapakkam, Nandambakkam, Okkiyam-Thoraipakkam, Injambakkam, Sholinganallur and Kaarapakkam.

Underground drainage scheme will be executed in Kathivakkam, Ramapuram, Sholinganallur and Karapakkam at a cost of Rs. 245.55 crores.

For sewage management, modern machineries like de-silting machines (66) and mobile silt and sewage sucking machines to cleanse pipes (20 numbers) will be purchased at a cost of Rs. 15.20 crores.

To sum up, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has sanctioned Rs. 879.78 crores for 2012-2013 for implementing schemes under the 'Chennai Mega City Development Mission', through Chennai Corporation and the Chennai Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board. Government will provide a grant of Rs. 500 crores.

Realising that fund allocation alone is not enough for executing these schemes and that required personnel are to be appointed to ensure the benefits reach the people, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has ordered the creation of 784 posts including an additional Chief Engineer for Chennai Corporation and the filling up of 2,405 existing vacancies.

Through these Government Schemes, the people of Chennai will benefit from all infrastructure facilities like quality roads, drinking water facility, drainage and management of solid waste. ■

# Production Centres for Vegetable and Cut flower seedlings

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa launched at the Secretariat on 15.10.2012 two projects, one for the creation of a Production Centre at Dindigul to produce seedlings for vegetables and a similar one at Krishnagiri District for producing seedlings for cut flowers. Based on an Indo-Israel Memorandum of Understanding, the Dindigul Centre will come up at a cost of Rs. 10,18,44,000/- and the Krishnagiri Centre at Rs. 8,80,44,000/-.

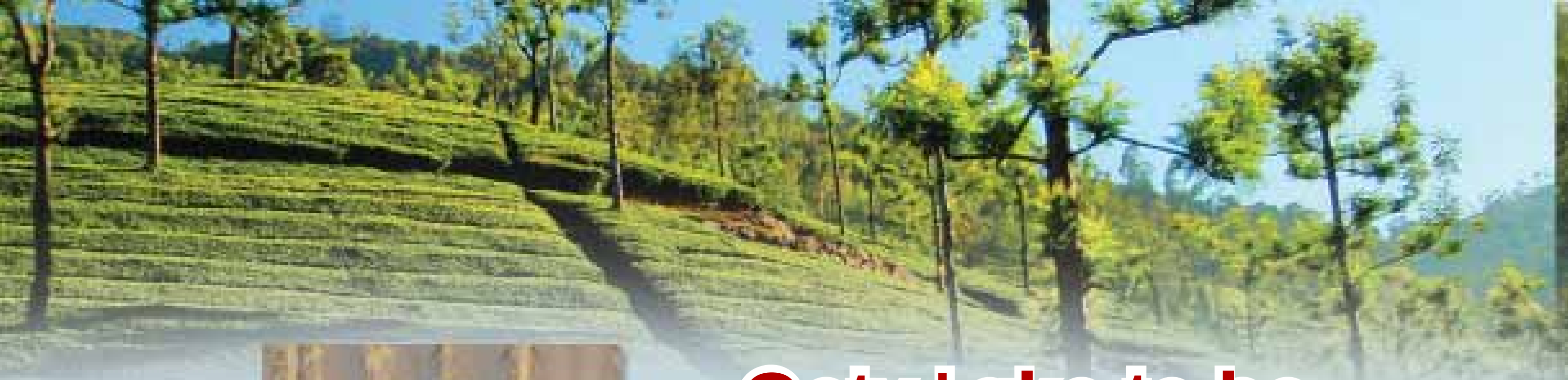
The Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated another project to improve the infrastructure facilities in the 56 Government horticulture farms in the State for adopting high level technology so that quality plants will be raised and distributed. The project is to cost Rs. 14,23,32,000/-.

A monthly magazine 'Enhance' of the Horticulture Department and a 'Coffee Table Book' were also released by the Hon'ble Chief Minister.

The monthly, set up at a cost of Rs. 2 lakhs, will seek to make the Horticulture Department's works efficacious by disseminating news about the improvement works taken up by the Department and the modern technology adopted, to the Extension workers then and there. The Coffee Table Book, brought out at a cost of Rs. 5 lakhs describes the changes that have taken place in the Department from the time of inception till date, the achievements recorded and the details about the personnel who had worked in the department.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister exhorted that the English monthly 'Enhance' should be brought out in Tamil also in the coming days so that all could easily understand the contents.

A project for the computerisation of the Department at a cost of Rs.3.4 crores was also launched by the Hon'ble Chief Minister. The project envisages the monitoring of the working of the Micro Irrigation Scheme through cell phone, fingerprint attendance for employees working at the headquarters, desk computer for all office employees, paperless office and facility to get in touch with district officials through video conferencing.



# Ooty Lake to be Totally Pollution-Free

Tourism provides an impetus to a Country's growth, contributes to its integrity and enlarges the knowledge of the tourist by means of offering varied experiences.

It promotes direct employment opportunities and indirectly influences and ensures the development of the local population. This sector has graduated from a service one to a prime industry. And the Government headed by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa has been giving priority and encouragement to this sector. A new fillip is given for the creation of world-class infrastructure facilities for tourism and for marketing the tourist centres.

Among the summer resorts flocked by tourists in Tamil Nadu, Udhagamandalam (Ooty) is the most important one. It is called as the 'Queen of Hills' in Tamil Nadu. The Ooty lake, extending to 20 hectares is the main attraction of the tourists. Thousands of tourists come here to take a stroll around the lake or for boating in the lake. Water Supply to this lake, created by Britishers in the 19th centary, is through the Kodappamanthu Canal. The lake water is polluted by the growth of hyacinth and the mixing of sewage in the canal water and this greatly affects the tourists who go for boating. Hence, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has directed the cleansing of the lake waters.

Following the Hon'ble Chief Minister's directive, a detailed review was held with the officials of several department on the factors that caused the pollution of the lake. Following the review, an exhaustive plan has been drawn to rejuvenate the lake. The plan includes de-silting of the Kodappamanthu Canal, stopping the untreated sewage mixing with lake waters wholly and treating the sewage water, creating additional

facilities in pumping stations, additional facilities including setting up of a generator in the sewage treatment plant, purifying the polluted water in the lake through biological process, removing the weeds in the lake and improving the environment for acquatic creatures. The Hon'ble Chief Minister has directed the implementation of the plan at a cost of Rs. 4.27 crores from the Tamil Nadu Environment Protection and Renewable Energy Development Fund.

For stopping totally the mixing of sewage with the lake waters, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has directed the Udhagamandalam Municipality to provide within 3 months sewage connections to 6,745 houses and commercial establishments, in the Municipal area which do not have the connections, after taking appropriate action in this regard. The Tamil Nadu Water and Drainage Board is preparing a detailed plan draft for providing sewage connections to 9 wards that have not been included in the present underground sewage system. The Hon'ble Chief Minister has directed that these works too be expedited and steps be taken to provide the connections in those areas also.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister has also directed that a committee under the chairmanship of the Nilgiris District Collector be set up, which can function as a registered society for implementing schemes to prevent the lake from getting polluted and to maintain it as a pollution-free pure water lake. The committee will consists of representatives of the Public Works Department, Municipal Administration, Water and Drainage Board, Tamil Nadu Electricity Generation Corporation, Pollution Control Board, Tourism Department, Forest Department, Local Body and non-Government organisations. The Hon'ble Chief Minister has ordered the setting up of a Permanent Fund for the development of this Society and has sanctioned a Government contribution of Rs. 50 lakhs and has directed the Tourism Development Corporation to make over Rs. 50 lakhs in the first phase and Rs. 25 lakhs every year in the succeeding years. The Hon'ble Chief Minister permitted the corporation to increase this amount as per its revenue earnings.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister has also directed that the Society with this fund, should maintain the Kodappamanthu Canal without getting polluted by the sewage, treat the sewage water, beautify the lake and take up other works to attract the tourists.

Through these Government actions, the Ooty lake which is the main-draw for tourists will be protected from getting polluted. This will also pave way for more tourists to visit the lake.

# Hon'ble Chief Minister declares open Parks to attract tourists at Kodaikanal and Yercaud

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa declared open on 15.10.2012 at the Secretariat the Anna Park, the Bryant Park and the Chettiar Park at Kodaikanal in Dindigul District that have been renovated and improved by the Department of Horticulture and Plantation crops at a cost of Rs. 1.13 crore.

The renovation and improvement of the parks situated in 25.72 acres at the centre of Kodaikanal pertain to laying of attractive new tiled footpaths, erecting eye-filling compound walls, colourful lights, lilly pond, fountains, children's play area, locating plants with colourful flowers, and an altered frontage.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister also declared open the newly established Government Botanical Garden at Yercaud in Salem District. Set up on a 36 acres area at a cost of Rs. 7.45 crores, the garden has an Information Centre for the use of tourists, a visitors' gallery, open-air theatre, glass rooms, an auditorium to conduct flower shows, Bonsai garden, beautiful lawns, sunshades, dining hall, colourful lights throughout the garden, long and wide footpaths, pathways for the operation of automated vehicles to go round the garden and automated sprinkler and drip irrigation facilities.

An "Ainthinai" park that has been set up on a 20 acre area at a cost of Rs. 8.16 crores in Yercaud, was also declared open by the Hon'ble Chief Minister. The park will expose the present generation, to the lifestyle of the people in hills and hilly regions in the Sangam Age, help them know about the different genus of plants, animals and about people's habits, and will have statues depicting events of Sangam times and other features like platform view.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister laid at the Secretariat foundation stone for various works costing totally Rs. 9.50 crores. The works are laying a rose garden and setting up a demonstration model farm for cut flowers on 11 acres at a cost of Rs. 3.50 crores at the Government Horticulture Farm in Kodaikanal Dindigul District, an Environmental Park at the Government Horticulture Farm in Kanniyakumari District in 15 acres at a cost of Rs. 4 crores and improving the infrastructure facilities of the Horticulture Training Centre, at a cost of Rs. 2 crores at Thali in Krishnagiri District.

# POWER SITUATION IN TAMIL NADU

## State to approach Supreme Court

A Cabinet meeting was held on 27.10.2012 at the Secretariat under the Chairmanship of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa.

Several issues were discussed at the meeting. The power situation in Tamil Nadu was considered in detail and the following resolution was carried out.

"When the electricity demand is of the order of 12,000 MW in Tamil Nadu, the availability is only 8,000 MW. Hence a severe power cut prevails in the State. The Tamil Nadu Electricity Generation and Distribution Corporation, in this situation, has entered into contracts with other States to purchase power to the extent 1,100 MW. Despite these agreements, - Tamil Nadu is not able to get the needed power as the Power Grid Corporation of India, a Central Government undertaking, did not take steps to allocate the power corridor.

"In this situation, the Hon'ble Chief Minister wrote to the Hon'ble Prime Minister to allocate to Tamil Nadu the 1,721 MW power surrendered by the National Capital Territory (NCT), Delhi in the period 1.11.2012 to 31.3.2013. Thiru. K.C. Venugopal, Minister of State, Energy Department, told news persons on 24.10.2012 that the State's request would be examined. The next day, 25.10.2012, the same Minister while interacting with newspersons expressed inability to allocate the power surrendered by NCT, Delhi due to corridor congestion."

"Article 301 of the Indian Constitution guarantees free flow of trade, commerce and intercourse throughout India. Article 131 of the Constitution confers the rights on a State to approach the Supreme Court if a dispute between that State and the Central Government, raises the issue of the legal right of the State and the extent to which that right can be exercised".

"As the Central Government and the Power Grid Corporation of India have the duty and responsibility to deliver the power to Tamil Nadu as per the agreements entered into by the Tamil Nadu Electricity Generation and Distribution Corporation for meeting the present power shortage in the State and for the allocation of power surrendered by the National Capital Territory Delhi, the Cabinet decides, by way of asserting Tamil Nadu's rights, to approach the Supreme Court to get a directive to the Centre". ■

# Slew of concessions to the Police and Prison Department Personnel

The Tamil Nadu Police is working tirelessly to provide a safe and secure life to people. To further enhance the work of the Police which toils for the maintenance of peace in the country and to provide an impetus to them, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa has been extending to them several concessions.

By way of catering to the welfare of Police personnel living in the Special Police and Armed Police lines, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has ordered the supply of 2,055 two-tier beds, 4,110 cushion beds/ pillows, bed spreads and pillow covers at a cost of Rs. 3 crores.

The washing allowance for them has also been hiked to Rs. 250/- from Rs. 200/-. This increased allowance will benefit 96,399 personnel – from second grade constables to non-IPS Superintendents of Police. This will entail the Government an additional expenditure of Rs. 5,78,39,400/-.

To encourage the field workers in the Prison Department, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has ordered the creation of 1,116 posts viz. 672 First Grade Constables 349 Head Constables and 95 Deputy Jailors on the ground that their combined staff strength should be 50 percent of that of their subordinates. By this order, 2,232 prison employees will get promotions. The Government will incur an expenditure of Rs. 2.07 crores per year.

To strike a parity between Police and Prison departments in the matter of concessions, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has already permitted the prison staff to make use of the supermarket opened for the Police and enhanced their risk allowance and group insurance Policy on par with the Police. Now, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has increased the washing allowance to Rs. 250/- from Rs. 200/- as in the case of Police personnel. Three thousand four hundred and fifty five prison staff will benefit from this concession and the Government will incur a recurring expenditure of Rs. 20.73 lakhs per year.

These actions of the Government will pave the way for improving the works of the departments of police and prison employees

# HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER OPENS MEDITATION HALL AT PASUMPON MUTHURAMALINGA THEVAR'S MEMORIAL

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa on 18.10.2012 declared open at the Secretariat, through video conferencing a Meditation Hall near the Muthuramalinga Thevar Memorial at Pasumpon in Ramanathapuram District. The Hall was constructed by the Tourism Department at a cost of Rs. 28.28 lakhs.

The Government headed by the Hon'ble Chief Minister Selvi J Jayalalithaa has been implementing several long range plans for lifting up Tamil Nadu to the premier place in tourism development, shaping Tamil Nadu as the foremost State in attracting global tourists and for safeguarding the tradition and culture of the region as also the memorials, that are architecturally grand.

The Meditation Hall has come up in a 2,080 sq.ft area where 150 persons can sit and meditate.

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** reviewed at the Secretariat on 15.10.2012 the preparatory works taken up for the Asian Games to be held at Chennai in July 2013. Hon'ble Ministers and Officials participated.

# Meenakshi Sundareswarar temple flag mast to be replaced with new one

Thiru. Karumuthu T. Kannan, Fit person of the Madurai Arulmigu Meenakshi Sundareswarar Temple on 18.10.2012 paid a courtesy call on the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa at the Secretariat.

At the meeting, Thiru. Kannan sought the permission of the Hon'ble Chief Minister to erect a new flag mast in the temple utilising the 16 kilos of gold with the temple, pointing out the long standing demand of the people to replace the old post with a new one.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister conceded the request and ordered the installation of a new flag mast, fixed with gold foils.

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Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** distributed on 12.10.2012 has given job regularisation orders to 222 daily wage earners in PWD who have completed 10 years of service and are still continuing in service.

# TOTAL ERADICATION OF OPEN DEFECATION BY 2015

The Government headed by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa has been studiously working to expand and improve urban infrastructure in tune with the growing urban population and the connected commercial activities. The Government has launched the 'Integrated Urban Development Mission' and is implementing it effectively.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister has been releasing every year funds for creating in urban areas basic facilities like drinking water supply, drainage, storm-water drainage, laying of streets, solid waste management, and earmarking parking places, location of bus stand and setting up parks. Several works have been taken up.

In the current year also, i.e. 2012-2013, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has already ordered the release of Rs. 750 crores – Rs. 500 crores for Municipal Corporations barring Chennai and Municipalities and Rs. 250 crores for Town Panchayats – for taking up works under the Integrated Urban Development Mission.

Taking into account that the infra-structure works taken up under this Project are all time bound ones and for streamlining and strengthening the administrative set-up, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has ordered the filling up of vacancies in the urban local bodies. Accordingly 1,286 posts lying vacant in Town Panchayats have to be filled up immediately.

The Government headed by Hon'ble Chief Minister Selvi J Jayalalithaa is determined to eradicate totally, open defecation in Tamil Nadu before 2015. To set up new public conveniences and to provide water and electricity facilities for the existing public toilets, for achieving this goal of eradication of open defecation, a scheme was worked out last year (2011-2012), and was inaugurated with an initial allotment of Rs. 19.83 crores. Under this scheme, 52 integrated sanitary complexes were constructed in as many Town Panchayats and 75 sanitary complexes were renovated in 62 Town Panchayats. Likewise 658 toilets in Municipal Corporation and Municipalities were renovated and 253 new ones were constructed.

In the current year (2012-2013), the Hon'ble Chief Minister has allotted Rs. 72.60 crores for improving public toilets and for constructing new ones in Municipal Corporation and Municipal areas. Of this, Rs. 36.30 crores will be Government grant, Rs. 18.15 crores for the Integrated Urban Development Mission works and Rs. 18.15 crores as share money towards the Infrastructure Fund. ■

# Hon'ble Chief Minister distributes laptops to MLAs

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa on 17.10.2012 distributed at the Secretariat, laptops and computers costing Rs. 3 crores to the Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Acceding to the requests of the members of the Legislative Assembly during the general discussions on the budget for 2011-2012, the Hon'ble Chief Minister announced that members could purchase a laptop from their constituency development fund.

Sanction was accorded through the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department for the purchase, from the unscheduled fund allocation of the Constituency Development Fund, of a laptop or computer as per their requirements, printer and web connections.

The ELCOT procured the laptops. The Hon'ble Chief Minister distributed these laptops on 17.10.2012.

The Members of the Legislative Assembly thanked the Hon'ble Chief Minister for acceding to their request and distributing the laptops.

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